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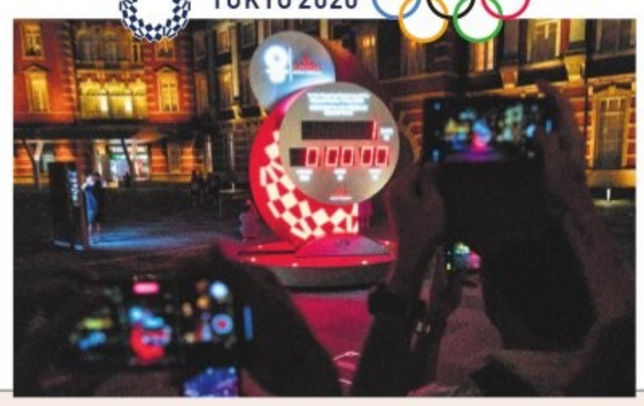

MUTED, SUBDUED TOKYO 2020 GAMES OPENS TODAY

The Opening Ceremony will be held without spectators amid Covid concerns on Friday

ONLY 26 INDIANS TO MARCH

In a departure from the past, there will only be 26 during the march past. This is to avoid exposure to Covid-19. Two flag bearers will be men's hockey captain Manpreet Singh and 2012 Olympic medallist MC Mary Kom | P15

MORE COVID CASES & OFF FIELD DRAMA

In what is likely to be a running theme, two more athletes at the Village tested positive for Covid-19 on Thursday. Besides, 12 other Games-related personal were found infected. Meanwhile, Opening Ceremony director, Kentaro Kobayashi, was fired after footage emerged of him making Holocaust-related jokes in a 90s TV skit

THE GALA TODAY

4.30PM: OPENING CEREMONY

INDIA IN ARCHERY

5.30am onwards: Women's individual ranking round

9.30am: Men's individual ranking

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BSY drops big hint, says will wait for word from top brass

Breaks silence on leadership issue, says that he had decided to quit 2 months ago

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

AMID heightened speculation over his exit after completing two years in office, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Thursday said that so far, he has not received any message from the party high command and he will continue to work till the last minute.

"I will be completing two years in office on July 26. The party high command will send a message this weekend and I will abide by their direction," he said, breaking his silence on the leadership issue.

Hinting at his possible resignation, the CM emphasised that he will follow the instructions of the party top brass. Yediyurappa also said he had decided to resign two months ago itself to make way for others.

Just last month, the CM had stated that he will quit the day the high command asks him to do so. After his recent visit to the national capital, political circles have been abuzz with speculation over his imminent exit and the names of many BJP leaders are doing the rounds as his successor.

"I will be the CM as long as they tell me to hold this post. Else, I will be seen travelling across the state and working for the party," he said. Whether he is in power or not, he will continue to work for the party and strengthen the BJP in Karnataka, Yediyurappa stressed. He, however, refused to divulge details on his next move.

Yediyurappa's government will complete two years in office on July 26 and a small booklet on the government's work and achievements in the last two years will be released on that day. "I want to tell people what I have done," the CM said.

As several seers from the Lingayat and other communities continue to extend their support to the Lingayat strongman and warn the BJP central leadership against dislodging him, the 78-year-old CM said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president JP Nadda had a 'special concern' for him and allowed him to work as CM even after 75 years of age and had also appreciated his work.

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Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa arrives for the cabinet meeting at Vidhana Soudha, in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

HOUSING, IRRIGATION GET BOOST

The state cabinet on Thursday approved housing projects worth ₹8,500 crore. "Four lakh houses in rural and one lakh houses in urban areas will be built under various schemes in two years," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Basavaraj Bommai said. It also approved ₹8,800 crore for irrigation-related works. P4

BOMMAI, JOSHI, RAVI OR NIRANI?

While BS Yediyurappa himself is believed to be actively looking at who could emerge as his probable successors, sources suggest that the CM has been pitching for Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, while central leaders are also looking at Murugesh Nirani, CT Ravi and Union minister Pralhad Joshi. P4

CELESTIAL DISCOVERY

Indian scientists on team which found 80 star explosions

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

AN international team, including Indian scientists, have discovered 80 new explosions of stars - called supernova remnants (SNRs) - in the Milky Way galaxy, revealing previously unseen signatures to provide more clarity on how stars form and die. This had largely remained a mystery to astronomers and astrophysicists.

An explosion of a star, resulting in an SNR, is followed by an expanding shock wave consisting of ejected material that travels through interstellar space. These include heavy elements and accelerated cosmic rays, which have been detected, claiming "unprecedented sensitivity and details", by the international team that includes scientists from the Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)-established Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Previous surveys by various other teams had so far detected 270 SNRs, all of them observed by the radio emissions through the interstellar space. But there are an estimated 1,000 SNRs in the Milky Way, which means at least over 700-odd such SNRs continue to evade detection.

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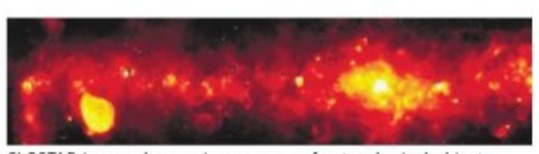


GLOSTAR image showcasing an array of astrophysical objects, from newly formed massive stars to remnants of supernova explosions | PIC CREDIT: GLOSTAR TEAM

EXPRESS READ

Bus runs over 6-year-old girl in freak accident

BENGALURU: A six-year-old girl - Jeevika - was killed when she was flug through the windshield of a bus in which she was travelling, after its driver applied brakes suddenly, and the vehicle ran over her. The accident occurred in Magadi taluk on Wednesday. P6

Financial bids for Air India likely by September 15

NEW DELHI: Financial bids for Air India are likely to be received from qualified interested bidders (QIBs) by September 15 this year, Minister of State for Civil Aviation V K Singh said on Thursday. The Centre had invited Expression of Interests (Eols) for Air India on January 27, 2020. The last date of submission of Eols was December 14, 2020.

12 Maha BJP MLAs move apex court

NEW DELHI: Twelve BJP MLAs from Maharashtra have moved the Supreme Court, challenging their one-year suspension from the Legislative Assembly.

WITH THIS ISSUE

CITY'S BEST WEEKEND GUIDE

INDULGE

32 PAGES, INCLUDING 16 OF INDULGE (TABLOID)

JAB-O-METER TAKE YOUR SHOT

July 21: **20,83,892 doses**

July 22: **48,86,103 doses**

TOTAL DOSES: 42,28,26,035

NATIONWIDE	JULY 21	JULY 22
Fresh cases	42,015	41,383
Recoveries	36,977	38,652
Deaths	3,998	507

KARNATAKA	JULY 21	JULY 22
Fresh cases	1,639	1,653
Recoveries	2,214	2,572
Deaths	36	31

Tax raid on media group draws flak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bhopal/Lucknow

TAX sleuths knocked on the doors of Bhopal-headquartered Dainik Bhaskar group and Uttar Pradesh-based Bharat Samachar in the wee hours on Thursday, raiding their premises across various states for alleged tax evasion.

Multiple teams of the I-T department from Delhi and Mumbai conducted the searches under Section 132 of the Income Tax Act at business premises owned by the two media groups in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and UP, following specific inputs about tax evasion by these firms.

The Bhaskar group, which runs around 65 daily newspaper editions in Hindi, Marathi and Gujarathi, had run a series of stories on the alleged cover-up of casualties in MP, Gujarat and UP as well as the vaccine wastage in Rajasthan. After the authorities denied reports of mass graves on the banks of Ganga, it sent an army of reporters to document the same. The raids drew sharp criticism from Opposition leaders as both the media groups had done numerous stories and programmes highlighting the failure of authorities in managing the pandemic.

"The attack on journalists and media houses is yet another BRUTAL attempt to stifle democracy," tweeted West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee.

Big drama in RS; former CBI chief spied upon?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Pegasus snoopgate continued to roil governments globally on Thursday, with French President Emmanuel Macron holding an emergency cybersecurity meeting to weigh action and rework security protocols after it emerged that his phone numbers figured among those that were potentially hacked.

In Mexico, reports said previous administrations from 2012 to 2018 had spent about $300 million to purchase the spyware from the NSO Group, an Israeli firm.

Back home, attempts by the Modi government to shake off charges of using the spyware became that much more difficult, with revelations that former CBI chief Alok Verma's phone numbers were added to the list the day he was chucked out of the hot seat in 2018. Interestingly, mobile numbers of his adversary Rakesh Asthana were added to the list an hour before Verma's.

Meanwhile, Parliament continued to be in turmoil as both Houses witnessed sloganeering and disruptions. The Rajya Sabha witnessed high drama as Trinamool member Shantanu Sen snatched a copy of a statement on the spyware from Electronics and Information Technology minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, tore it up and flung it towards the Chair. Other Trinamool members did likewise and the House was adjourned for the day. Shortly thereafter, minister Hardeep Puri and Sen exchanged sharp words, forcing Marshals to intervene. Sen later said Puri verbally abused and was on the verge of assault before he was rescued.

The Centre is learnt to be planning a privilege motion against Sen. The Opposition wants a discussion on Pegasus with Prime Minister Narendra Modi or Home minister Amit Shah speaking on the matter.

STAND BY IT, SAYS AMNESTY

With the BJP trying to demolish the snoopgate list claiming it was fake, Amnesty International defended its findings, saying "Amnesty categorically stands by the findings of the Pegasus Project."

BID TO DISTRACT ATTENTION

Rumours pushed on social media are intended to distract from the widespread unlawful targeting of journalists, activists and others, it added

BACK TO SCHOOL?

Offline classes may resume in phases, decision next week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AMID the demand for restarting offline classes, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar on Thursday said that the Education Department's task force is preparing a report on resumption of physical classes.

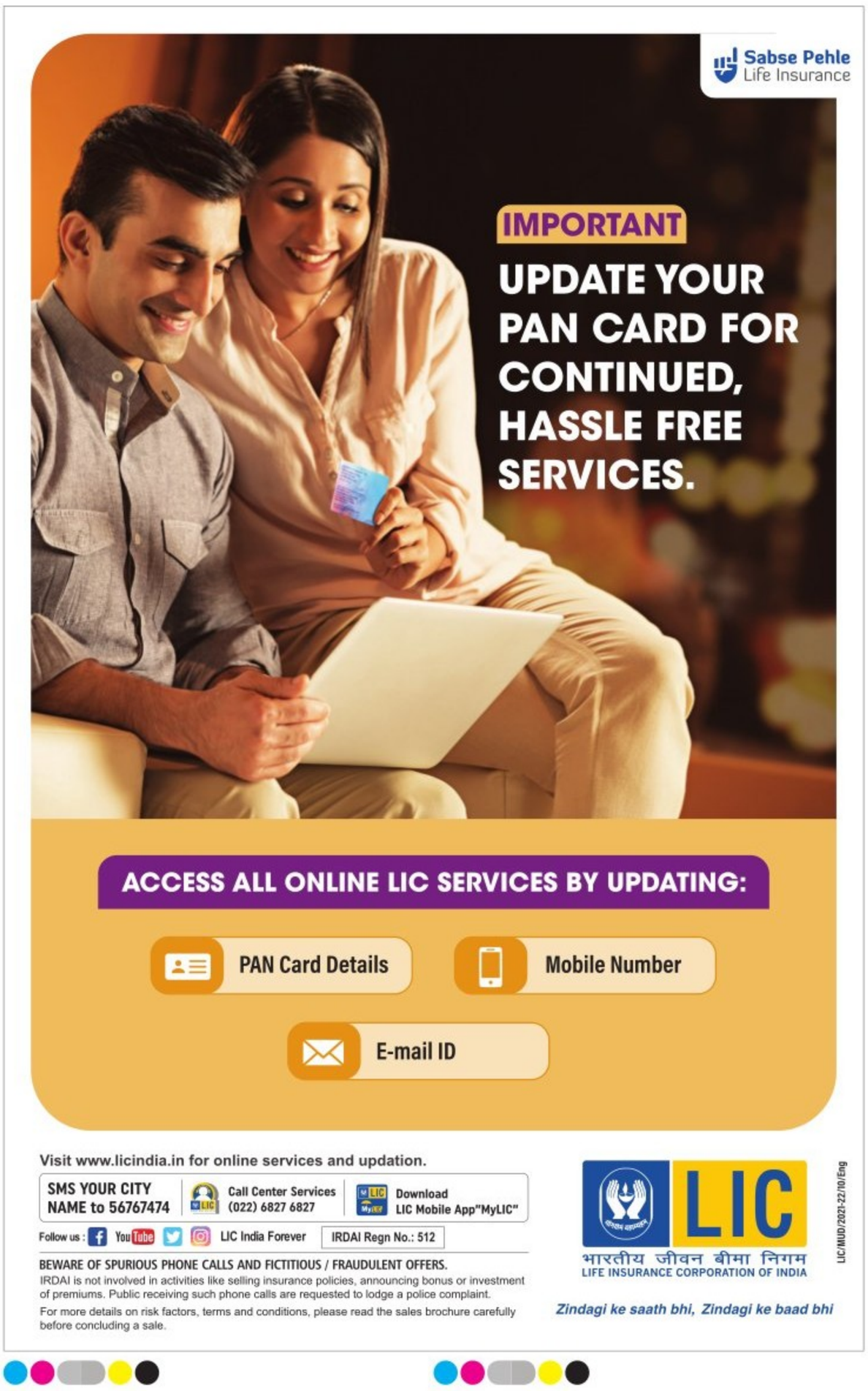
"A meeting in this regard is scheduled for Monday or Tuesday. Discussions are under way and the department is mulling to start offline classes phasewise, starting with classes 9 to 12," he said, adding that the decision will be announced next week. Meanwhile, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Thursday announced that all teaching and non-teaching staff of government, aided and unaided schools will be vaccinated on priority.

Noting the possible psychological impact of online classes on students, Dr Sudhakar said that students cannot rely on this forever, and schools will have to be reopened sooner or later. "We will have a wide consultation process before arriving at any decision. Expert opinions will also be considered," he added.

Dr Sudhakar also said that the state's vaccination coverage will cross the three-crore mark in a few days.

All educational institutions will be reopened in a phased manner... Matter will be discused with the CM

Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister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ALMANAC TODAY

• **Friday :** 23/07/2021 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Dakshinayna • **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Ashada • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Chaturdashi 9.52 am • **Nakshatra:** Purvashada 2.37 pm • Moon in Makara Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Gulikakala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am **Yamaganda:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER

MIN 20°C | MAX 25°C

FORECAST
Light showers. Overcast

Sunrise	6.03 am
Sunset	6.49 pm
Moonrise	6.21 pm
Moonset	4.57 am

SSLC RESULTS TO BE DECLARED BY AUG 10

Attendance of students this year was higher than that of previous year, says Education Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

ON the conclusion of the two-day SSLC examinations on Thursday, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar announced that the results will be declared around August 10.

He told reporters that he had visited some exam centres where social distancing and other Covid protocol was maintained. The minister also congratulated the students for attending the exams and the teachers for their efforts in making the process a success. "The attendance of students this year was more than that of the previous year," he said.

In the language examinations held on the concluding day, 99.62 per cent out of 8,19,694 students appeared for the first language. Last year, it was 98.41 per cent. In the second language paper, 99.60 per cent of 8,27,988 students appeared, while last year, it was 98.47 per cent. For the third language paper, 99.62 per cent of 8,17,640 students were present. The previous year's attendance was 98.47 per cent.

Students greet each other, relieved that their SSLC examinations are over in Bengaluru on Thursday. Language papers were held on the concluding day | VINOD KUMAR T

STUDENTS MEET WITH ACCIDENT

Two students, who were heading to an SSLC examination centre in Athani on a two-wheeler, met with an accident after their bike skid. One of the two students, Mallikarjun K, sustained severe injuries and is under treatment. The other student attended the examination.

The minister said that the examinations were incident-free regarding malpractice. As many as 152 students attempted the examination in special classrooms for those with Covid symptoms.

Meanwhile, 10,693 students shifted their exam centres to a place closest to their homes, and 2,870 students wrote the examinations in hostels. As many as 706 students came from other states -- Kerala, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Goa.

In various places across the state, Zilla Panchayat CEOs and District Commissioners visited exam centres and encouraged students.

A student in Kaveripura, Benglauru, who suffered from bone ailment, had answered the examination, the minister said. A student in Shivamogga, who had attempted suicide by consuming her grandmother's pills over fears of faring poorly in the first examination, attempted the second.

Kumar said that 12 lakh seats are available in government, aided and unaided pre-university colleges in the state, and promised hassle-free admission to PUC for all students.

School roof leaks, students moved out

Belagavi: Students appearing for the SSLC examination on the second and last day on Thursday at a school here were moved out to another hall as the roof was leaking due to heavy rainfall. Because of incessant rain in the last few days, the roof of two exam halls at the Sardar High School has been leaking. After being alerted about this, Deputy Commissioner M G Hiremath visited the centre and made alternative arrangements for the students. "The two halls of the school are very old and leaking at places," Hiremath said. Eight small bridges-cum-barrages have submerged in Chikkodi educational district. Since there are alternative roads, there was no problem for students to reach the centre, Hiremath said.

The pathetic condition of the road in Kanakagiri

As agencies pass the buck, residents deal with 'Kambala race' road

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

FREQUENT falls on the road and constant back pain are daily issues faced by Kanakagiri residents who step out of their homes. The 1.3-km stretch of Banjara Main Road in Kanakagiri, their only connection to Horamavu Main Road, looks like a dirt road, lined throughout with potholes. The recent rain and the consequent slush have compounded their commuting miseries.

This is among the roads dug up by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board in connection with its '110 villages Cauvery water' project which aims to provide drinking water and sanitary connections to peripheral areas of the city. BWSSB needs to complete the initial works on the roads it has dug up and then hand it over to the BBMP for restoration.

Senior citizen Kailash Murthy recalled that a 70-year-old resident fell on the road recently and sustained fractures on his left arm. "I also broke my back last year by falling on this stretch from a scooter and was out of action for three months. But I am forced to use a two-wheeler again as using a car will take us at least 25 minutes to reach the main road due to the road condition. It is a big risk I am taking," he said.

Agreeing with Murthy, Kochu Shankar, another resident, said that riding a bike on this road feels like taking part in a Kambala race. "We have been appealing to the agencies to restore the Banjara Main Road. But there is no response from BWSSB to our pleas to at least fill the potholes. The tender process is stuck due to red tape in the BBMP for many months now," he said.

Executive Engineer, Waste Water Management, BWSSB, for the 100 villages project, Venugopal, said, "The water board is responsible for backfilling the roads while the BBMP needs to carry out wet mix and asphalting. In the last 1.5 years, we have done the backfilling four times, but the roads get damaged again. We will carry out another round of backfilling shortly."

Assistant Engineer, BBMP, Ramesh said that the government had on April 29 released Rs 115 crore for restoration of all roads that had been dug up in connection with the 110 villages project. "BBMP had already started work on 120 km of roads in these villages. Tenders will be called in 15 days in connection with the Banjara Main Road. Asphalting work will begin in two months," he said.

Govt hunts for SWM CEO, officials get hands dirty

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WHILE the government is aggressively searching for a person to handle the post of chief executive office (CEO) at the newly-formed Solid Waste Management (SWM) Limited company, the serving officials are doing their best to handle the garbage situation in the city. The suitable CEO should have worked in the environmental and engineering streams, should have experience on garbage mitigation, should have worked or have experience at a solid waste management plant, should have technical competence and not mere educational qualifications.

They are also looking for someone without much political connection. A committee has been set up to find the suitable person, and their search is not limited to Bengaluru, but across the country. Meanwhile, the chief commissioner of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will be in charge of the post till the right person is appointed.

"While the government is searching for a CEO, we are working on cleaning the city. Unlike the BBMP, the company does not have multiple things to handle. We have started to go through each contract and tender document and verify what is on ground. Contracts will be cancelled and action will be taken against the contractor if garbage issues are not handled. The contractor would also be penalised, based on the errors," a company board member said.

The company members are also working towards holding a meeting with citizen activists and experts to get their opinion and feedback on improvement. One such feedback is that there are different agencies and officials handling separate types of waste in one single ward- like wet, dry, mixed, construction and debris, and medical.

SAFETY BEFORE FLIGHT

People queue up to get Covid vaccine shots, as part of a special drive held for those travelling abroad, at Central College in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

EXPRESS READ

Collegiate dept inks MoU with Unacademy

Bengaluru: The Department of Collegiate and Technical Education (DCTE) on Thursday inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with online learning platform Unacademy to coach students for competitive examinations. In all, 4,500 students —1,500 a batch— will be coached in three years (2021-2024). The candidates will be selected through online exams held twice a year. Those selected will get scholarships and free subscription to Unacademy Plus.

CLAT today at 6 centres in state

Bengaluru: The Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) is scheduled to be held from 2 pm to 4 pm on Friday at six tests centres located in Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Hubballi and Mysuru. CLAT is a national-level entrance exam for admissions to undergraduate (UG) and post-graduate (PG) law programmes offered by 22 national law universities around the country.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

23rd July: Research by Australian scientists has indicated that Geminians are the most careless drivers, followed by Taureans and Pisceans. So this means, take extra care! Sagittarians, Scorpios and Capricorns are apparently the safest. Mind you, I suspect that the truth is more complex!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
As long as the planets are generating an atmosphere of uncertainty, you are strongly advised to keep all important affairs under close control, or else risk being unjustly blamed for other people's errors and mistakes. And that would be so unfair.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
In spite of early indications, today's stars could be disruptive. Over the next few days you'll obtain the best results if you don't make the mistake of expecting associates to agree with you. After all, you'll trust people even more if it's clear they have a mind of their own.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The net result of current powerful planetary pressures will be to divide your life into two entirely different phases as far as a whole succession of minor developments is concerned. Of course, a series of apparently trivial events could add up to a major change of lifestyle.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Any difficulties you face today are as likely to be behind the scenes as out in the open. Actually this may suit you, as you'll be able to maintain your reputation by wearing a cool face in public. You really are so good at concealing your true feelings!

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
You know now that in some senses the crucial time for major change is in the past and, for at least the near future, you should concentrate on consolidating your gains and restoring a troubled relationship to its former blissful, perfect state.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)
There's a lot of work around at the moment and, the more effort you put in, the greater will be your rewards. Much of what you do on the personal level seems to involve foreign connections, and there could be an advance in this area - but it will be slow.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)
Don't fall into the trap of re-writing history, at least not as far as colleagues at work are concerned. You must realise that you can't change the past merely by believing that something different happened. What you have to do now is lay the groundwork for the coming creative chapter.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
The truth is obscure and you must look behind the scenes for information on a financial puzzle. Lost documents may hold the key, although you might have to wait for some time before the precise situation becomes clear. And that may take you weeks, if not months!

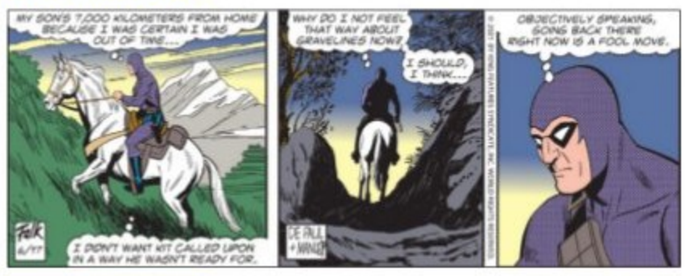
SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)
You may be forced to challenge some of your closely-held assumptions, even to realise that change for the better can be uncomfortable, if it forces you to alter the habits of a lifetime. Still, they say that change is what you're good at, don't they?

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Largely, as a result of past efforts, you should by now be on a winning streak career-wise. Your skills will soon bear fruit, and the harder you've worked, the greater will be your reward. For now, it's time to enjoy yourself. If any sign deserves to have a good time, it's you.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
For almost as long as you can remember, you've faced opposition from an individual - or individuals - over your intentions and actions. Now that the planets are generally favourable, you must move to reassert your own unique interests and identity.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
In spite of current domestic moves, a number of planetary patterns are about to shift your interest away from home and family matters and towards your professional ambitions, or to any other ways in which you can build up your public reputation.

THE PHANTOM


MY SON'S 7,000 KILOMETERS FROM HOME BECAUSE I WAS CERTAIN I WAS OUT OF TIME....
WHY DO I NOT FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT GRAVELINES NOW?
I SHOULD, I THINK....
OBJECTIVELY SPEAKING, GOING BACK THERE RIGHT NOW IS A FOOL MOVE.
I DIDN'T WANT KIT CALLED UPON IN A WAY HE WASN'T READY FOR.

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

EMORY, DO YOU TAKE SHANNON TO BE YOUR LAWFULLY WEDDED WIFE?
YES, IF THE PARTY OF THE FIRST PART AND THE PARTY OF THE SECOND PART BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...
OTHERWISE, IT WILL NOT BE WITHSTANDING AND THEREFORE AN AMENDED BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...
HE'S QUITE A LAWYER, ISN'T HE?
YEAH, WHICH EXPLAINS THE LIABILITY WAIVER WE HAD TO SIGN ON THE WAY IN!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Hard: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

				9			2	8
1		4		6				3
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	7				5			2
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2			6				3	
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9				7		5		1
7	8			4				

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

2	4	9	6	8	1	5	3	7
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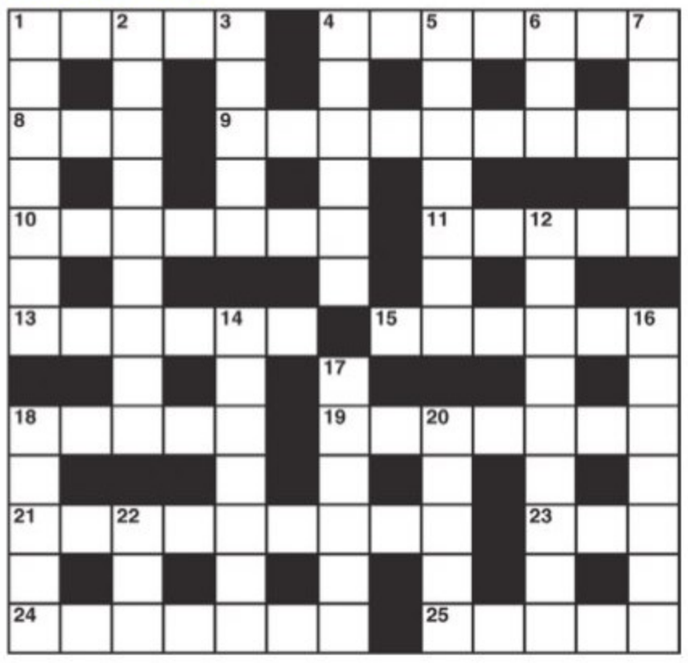
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Lip is part of one's face (5)
4 Speech impediment? (7)
8 It's by way of being an extract of caviare (3)
9 Sure could be unsuspecting (9)
10 Two ways to regard an informal survey (4-3)
11 Sorts of riddles? (5)
13 Annual holiday ends too soon (6)
15 Napping, the general is swallowed by a snake (6)
18 Check about a source of power (5)
19 He doesn't believe he needs endless foreign capital (7)
21 Very well do better friend (9)
23 Girl Friday; no cook (3)
24 Takes good steps not to have to walk in the streets (7)
25 Teams that can't be taken objectively (5)

DOWN

1 Soldiers shout about naval lack of leadership (7)
2 Complicated to work out (9)
3 Thrills footballers may get on the field (5)
4 Angled and he'd caught fish (6)
5 Crusoe's disguised tracks (7)
6 Stars in a couple of films (3)
7 One can never be quite sure if they're there (5)
12 Air which can invigorate the long-distance runner (5,4)
14 Restricted to one sort of company (7)
16 Modern type of rock has peculiar fans (7)
17 They bring work to doctors, misfortunes to the church (6)
18 Casks recycled as new containers (5)
20 In the bay wrecked ship sunk deep (5)
22 Mean as Dad sounds (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Elderberry, 8 Avast, 9 Roadmap, 10 Enhance, 11 Tenor, 12 Airmen, 14 Aright, 17 Devil, 19 Malaria, 21 Inverse, 22 Steep, 23 Dress sense.

Down: 2 Leather, 3 Eaten, 4 Borneo, 5 Reactor, 6 Yemen, 7 Spirit lamp, 8 Alexandria, 13 Enlarge, 15 Garnets, 16 Impels, 18 Vivid, 20 Lisle.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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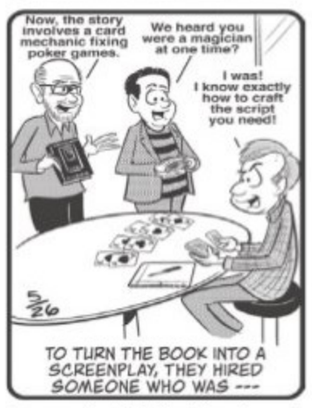
Now, the story involves a card mechanic fixing poker games.
We heard you were a magician at one time?
I was! I know exactly how to craft the script you need!
TO TURN THE BOOK INTO A SCREENPLAY, THEY HIRED SOMEONE WHO WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

"_____"

_____ THE _____

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** GOURD CLICK INNING ODDEST
ANSWER: The band's outdoor performance was ready to start, but the weather was — DISCONCERTING

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'I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR POTENTIAL WILL SHINE'

For Dr. K. Govindaraj, dreams of yesterday could probably become a reality of tomorrow. With the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 taking off, the President, Karnataka Olympic Association, and Vice-President, Indian Olympic Association, feels that India's chances of winning are bright and that the excitement of yearning to win the possible and the impossible makes the experience even more thrilling. As he wishes the Indian contingent the very best for the Games, he stresses that the journey of Indian sports has come a long way, although there is more to be done.

What is your expectation from the Olympics?
Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 will start tomorrow and go on till August 8. From India, a total of 150 players, coaches and technical staff will represent the country. It is the biggest contingent sent so far to the Games, and I believe that we have good potential to win the best tally till now.

With the pandemic still around, my only advice to all sportspersons participating in the event is to take extra precautions and maintain healthy practices during the entire duration of the Games.

Dr. K Govindaraj with Narinder Batra, President, Indian Olympic Association

Facade of Karnataka Olympic Association, Bengaluru

I feel that each state should adopt two sports. For example, Karnataka can adopt basketball and swimming, while Kerala or West Bengal can adopt football and athletics. The idea has to be to make these states the hub of individual sports by providing all infrastructure, be it a sports academy, school, college...a one-stop hub for that particular sport. Funding should be separate and corporates join hands.

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President, Karnataka Olympic Association, and Vice-President, Indian Olympic Association

Did Covid-19 hamper the spirit of participants?
There is no discouragement among the players and their spirits are high. Although the pandemic did hamper their practice sessions and many could not attend camps, they strived hard on their own, and I am confident that their potential will definitely shine during the Games.

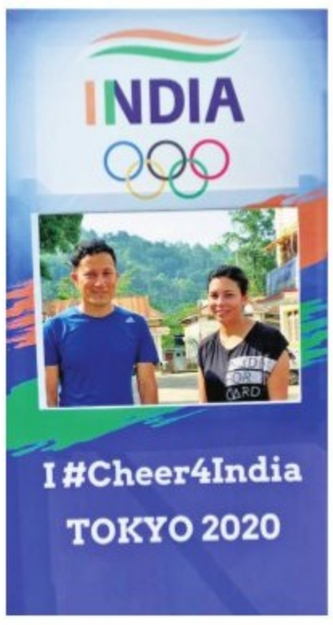
Which event do you think India has a good chance of winning?
I am hopeful of winning medals in all events, but specifically, we have good chances in boxing, wrestling, shooting, golf and badminton. But again, it is 'Day's luck'; how the day turns out for the sportsperson, especially in terms of body performance, health, weather, mindset...you cannot play the same way every day. Also, during every Olympics, we used to have nearly 3-5 hockey players from Karnataka, but this year, Covid played spoilsport.

How about restrictions during the Games?
There are many restrictions. It will be a bubble and no spectators. Once they arrive in the country, the sportsperson or official is not allowed outside the venue. He or she has to travel only between the venue and the Olympic village or the hotel.

Coming to India's sporting journey, what are your views?
We have reasonably improved over the years and are constantly improving. Earlier, there was a lack of facilities. For example, in hockey, players used to practise on mud fields while international events were held on turf. Now the standards have improved. Even with basketball, until 7-8 years ago, we did not have wooden flooring; players were playing on cement or bitumen floors.

Now, we have wooden flooring in major cities. Likewise for other sports.

But, I feel that it is meagre for a country of our size. We have tremendous talent in the country but we need to inspire them.



Promotional campaign across India

What are the main challenges in pulling talent?
Parents need to change their mindset. Most of them focus only on academics, even when the child is interested in sports. So, a major responsibility of parents is to encourage children.

Apart from education, children have to be involved in sports of any kind for at least 1.5 hours on a daily basis for their physical fitness and mindset building. If both do not synchronise, then it is difficult to succeed as a sportsperson. Another important aspect of sports is that it nurtures discipline; the aim being only to win.

So, parents have to be the first motivators followed by coaches, trainers, institutions, and then the government.

On its part, the government has to create more infrastructure of international standards. While we have state and national level infrastructure, only a few cities have international standards.

For example, in Karnataka, we do not have a temperature-controlled swimming facility, while in Japan and China, a small place with a population of 20,000, has some of the best facilities. The result being that children as old as 10 years are found swimming in the pools.

Government has created sports hostels, but it is limited to giving sporting support and education, which is not enough. Sports development, infrastructure, and training, among other factors, should be the priority and more funds should be allocated.

What is your suggestion to improve infrastructure?
I feel that each state should adopt two sports. For example, Karnataka can adopt basketball and swimming, while Kerala or West Bengal can adopt football and athletics. The idea has to be to make these states the hub of individual sports by providing all infrastructure, be it a sports academy, school, college...a one-stop hub for that particular sport. Funding should be separate and corporates must join hands.

We should also focus on rural children where there is good potential. Government should appoint coaches in every taluk, to begin with, and then identify potential talents. But we do not have the financial strength for such a large initiative. I also feel that every state government should keep a check on red tape in sports.

Another important suggestion is to provide more friendly logistics support. Previously, sportspersons would get concessions for railway travel, which is not in practice now. I have written letters to several ministers and officials, even to Narendra Modiji and the Railway Minister, about the concession, but nothing has happened. Some associations, like ours, have ensured that their contingent gets air travel facility, but not all associations can afford it.

But some corporates are focusing on sports through CSR?
They do, but they look at other aspects; sports is not prioritised. All the industries and IT companies are given land and tax exemptions, but their focus on this important field is not sufficient. I believe that every industrialist in each state has the capability to promote at least one sport, but the will is missing.

How about job reservation for sportspersons?
Every state needs to create job opportunities for successful sportspersons. They have to create sports quotas in public sector undertakings and public service commissions, but currently Railways and some banks provide the option. The Income tax department and Customs have also started but on a smaller scale. Profit-making undertakings, road transport, forest department, etc. should come forward with job quotas.

PROMISING THREE FROM KARNATAKA

ADITI ASHOK
Aditi is a promising professional golfer who took part in the 2016 Summer Olympics and plays on the Ladies European Tour and LPGA Tour. She became the youngest and first Indian to win the Lalla Aicha Tour School and secured her Ladies European Tour card for the 2016 season. This win also made her the youngest winner of a Q School for an international tour. Aditi is the first and the only Indian golfer who played the Asian Youth Games (2013), Youth Olympic Games (2014), Asian Games (2014) and Olympic Games (2016). She won the 2016 Hero Women's Indian Open with a score of 3-under-par 213, and in the process became the first Indian to win a Ladies European Tour title.

FOUAAD MIRZA
Mirza is an equestrian who won silver medals in both individual and team events at the 2018 Asian Games. He became the first Indian since 1982, making history by winning two silvers at an individual event in the sport during the Asian Games. Mirza officially became the first Indian to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics. He will become the first Indian rider to compete at the Games since Imtiaz Anees.

SRIHARI NATARAJ
Srihari is a swimmer who represented India at the 2019 World Aquatics Championships in Gwangju. He qualified for Tokyo Summer Olympics after FINA approved his 'A' standard qualification time in men's 100m backstroke time trial. In 2017, he competed in short course swimming at the 2017 Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. In 2018, he represented India at the Commonwealth Games. Later, he competed at the 2018 Asian Games. The same year, he competed in the boys' 50 metre backstroke, boys' 100 metre backstroke and boys' 200 metre backstroke events at the 2018 Summer Youth Olympics held in Buenos Aires.

MAKING HISTORY AT OLYMPICS FROM 1936

A few Indian victories through the pages of The New Indian Express

1936 (BERLIN)
Dhyanchand displayed brilliance and helped India retain the Hockey title, beating Germany by eight goals to one. Dhyanchand scored six goals. His Highness, the Maharaja and the Maharani of Baroda personally congratulated the team.

1952 (HELSINKI)
Wrestler Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav won a bronze medal becoming the first athlete from independent India to win an individual medal. In the years before Khashaba, India would only win gold medals in field hockey.

2000 (SYDNEY)
Karnam Malleswari, weightlifter, became the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Olympics. Malleswari was awarded Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in 1999, Arjuna Award in 1994, and Padma Shri in 1999.

2008 (BEIJING)
Abhinav Bindra is currently India's only individual Olympic gold medalist. His gold in the 10-meter air rifle event at the 2008 Summer Olympics was also India's first Olympic gold medal since 1980.

2012 (LONDON)
Wrestler Sushil Kumar won a silver medal making him the only Indian to win two individual Olympic medals since India's Independence. It was the first since Khashaba Jadhav's bronze medal at the 1952 Summer Olympics.

2016 (RIO DE JANEIRO)
Shuttler P V Sindhu became the first Indian woman to earn an Olympic silver while wrestler Sakshi Malik won bronze in the 58 kg category.

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa has released `5 crore towards the installation of a single rock Kanakadasa statue at Kellodu village of Hosadurga taluk in Chitradurga district. Once ready, this statue will be the biggest statue of Kanakadasa in India

- Chief Minister Yediyurappa holds Cabinet meeting, clears several projects worth crores
- 'No question of resigning', say ministers who joined BJP after quitting Congress-JDS coalition
- Support pours in for the 78-year-old from Lingayat seers, who want to him to continue

AMID EXIT SPECULATION, IT'S BIZ AS USUAL FOR CM

Turncoat ministers go into huddle with Yediyurappa

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

AT least six ministers of the BS Yediyurappa Cabinet — all of them who quit the Congress-JDS coalition and joined the BJP in 2019 — created a stir on Thursday evening when they rushed to the Chief Minister's office soon after the Cabinet meeting. While the group of ministers heading into the Chief Minister's office -- armed with letters -- sparked off speculation of mass resignations, given their history from 2019, all of them denied even considering resigning as an option.

"We aren't fools to resign from the Cabinet. We are members of the party and will abide by the high command's decision. I had some transfer requests with me, and not a resignation letter. 2019 and 2021 are very different. Such a situation hasn't risen," BC Patil, Minister for Agriculture, told *The New Indian Express*, adding that speculation on mass resignations were laughable.

Even as Yediyurappa on Thursday said he was awaiting instructions from the central leadership on July 25 for his next course of action, the ministers, who met the former — Dr K Sudhakar, BC Patil, MTB Nagaraj, Byrati Basavaraj, ST Somashekhar, Shivaram Hebbar — insisted that they too were bound by the party's decision.

"We accepted Yediyurappa's leadership and the BJP's ideology and discipline while joining the party. We will do as the high command decides. We went to speak to the Chief Minister because we have worked with him over the last one-and-a-half-years and it is only humane to be by his side as long as he continues to be Chief Minister," Dr Sudhakar said, almost as it to confirm Yediyurappa's exit.

Even as he said that there was no question of resigning, MTB Nagaraj added that he would resign if asked to by the party's leadership.

Sources close to the CM, however, said that the ministers expressed their concern over the change of leadership and its impact on their positions in the government and the party.

Yediyurappa is said to have told the ministers to not give up and wait for the party's decision before coming to a conclusion. "Even the central leadership knows that BJP has come to power because of the 17 of us, who quit the coalition and joined them. It is public knowledge and the party too has great regard for it," observed one of the newcomers, insisting that their contributions be not overlooked.

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>
> A Minister

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa speaks to reporters outside Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Thursday

Irrigation works worth ₹8,800 crore cleared in one sweep

BENGALURU : The government on Thursday approved Rs 8,800 crore worth of work, to be taken up by Vishveshwariah Jal Nigam Limited, Krishna Bhagya Jal Nigam Limited and Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited. Sources said the approval to call tenders for taking up canal construction, remodelling, upgradation and other works related to irrigation projects were cleared at board meetings chaired by CM BS Yediyurappa on Thursday. Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited board meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday. Former CM HD Kumaraswamy accused the government of clearing projects worth Rs 12,000 crore in hurry. An official in the Chief Minister's Office refused to comment on the decisions taken at the board meetings.ENS

Cabinet nod for ₹8.5K cr housing scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE@ Bengaluru

AMID speculation that CM BS Yediyurappa may be on his way out, the Karnataka cabinet on Thursday approved housing projects worth Rs 8,500 crore. "4 lakh houses in rural and 1 lakh houses in urban areas will be built under various schemes, at a cost of Rs 8,000 crore in two years," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, briefing the media about the decisions.

A grant of Rs 500 crore was approved for basic infrastructure for 1 lakh multistoreyed houses in Bengaluru.

The Cabinet also approved a reduction in stamp duty on registration of flats costing Rs 35 lakh to Rs 45 lakh, from 5 per cent to 3 per cent.

A scheme to pay Rs 3,000 per hectare, limited to 2 hectares per farmer, was approved for organic carbon enhancement in soil. The cabinet approved issuance of certificate for reservation in Central services and Central government educational institutions for economically weaker people, from castes not covered by reservation for SC/ST and OBC.

Land allocation for a cattle shelter, Rs 50 crore for a peripheral cancer centre, 250-bed facility hospital, setting up of an Ayush university, legitimising the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Layout were some of the schemes limited to Shivamogga, that were approved by the cabinet.

Bommai consensus favourite for top post as BSY bats for his man

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa on Thursday said he was waiting for a call from the Central leadership on whether he is to continue as Chief Minister or not, post July 26. Even as the timer on that is set, the party, as well as Yediyurappa himself, is said to be actively looking at who could emerge as probable successors.

By bullishly showcasing the support pouring in for him from Lingayat leaders and religious seers over the past two days, Yediyurappa is hoping to have a louder say in picking the next chief minister in case of his exit. Sources suggest that Yediyurappa has been pitching for Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, while central leaders are looking at Pralhad Joshi, Murugesh Nirani or CT Ravi as probable faces.

Bommai, it is said, is emerging as a possible consensus candidate given his caste, education, administrative capacities and proximity to Yediyurappa, central leaders of the party as well as the RSS.

While BL Santhosh, the party's National General Secretary (Organisation), can keep dissidence at bay, his rivalry with Yediyurappa as well as the upcoming elections in Uttar Pradesh, are roadblocks.

Pralhad Joshi can keep the flock together, but his presence in Parliament is important to the BJP. Of the six ministers from Karnataka in the Union council, only two -- Joshi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman – are Cabinet ministers. Sitharaman is a Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka, making Joshi the only Lok Sabha member to hold a cabinet berth from Karnataka. His caste identity as Brahmin is also a concern, given the demand by Lingayat seers that Yediyurappa's successor should be from their community.

Meanwhile, Nirani has close ties with the central leadership and is emerging as top contender among those shortlisted by the BJP's central leadership.

Meanwhile, National General Secretary CT Ravi -- a Vokkaliga, Hindutva hardliner – may fit the bill perfectly if the party is able to balance caste equations with more deputy chief ministers from other communities. Sunil Kumar and Arvind Bellad have not been ministers earlier, but look at a prospective Cabinet berth during a rejig that is expected to accompany the change of guard, when it is decided upon. While names of many are doing the rounds, one cannot ignore the BJP central leadership's habit of springing surprises -- whether it is the candidate or the formula they adopt.

'Do not rush to any conclusion'

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"WHY do you want to rush to any conclusion? Let's wait for word from the high command," the CM shot back when questioned if he will choose a Lingayat leader as his replacement.

Over the last three days, several seers have extended support to the CM. Yediyurappa said he is overwhelmed with the love and blessings of so many heads of mutts. "I can never forget this in my life. Nobody got this much love, I feel so fortunate," he said and asked party workers not to be under any confusion. "Do not protest, cooperate with me. No one should give any statements in my favour or stage protests," he appealed.

While political circles were busy discussing possible changes in the state in the coming days, the CM went about his work as usual. He attended a meeting with Water Resources Department officials and also chaired a cabinet meeting in the evening, before meeting another group of seers who had arrived at his residence to extend support to him.

Meanwhile, adding fuel to speculation, BJP General Secretary in charge of Karnataka, Arun Singh, refused to comment on the leadership issue, in Delhi.

Shivamogga BJP leaders mum over change of leadership

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI @ Shivamogga

AN air of gloom and despondency prevailed in the district office of BJP, as most of the senior district leaders and party workers either remained silent or were unavailable for comments, with talk of a change of leadership in Karnataka.

Shivamogga MP and Yediyurappa's son B Y Raghavendra said, "Being a loyal party worker, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa would take a call on the direction of the central leaders and abide by it." This is a far cry from his earlier comment that talk of leadership change was just a rumour. Yediyurappa's government will complete two years in office on July 26.

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>
> BY Raghavendra, Shivamogga MP and BS Yediyurappa's son

The CM's home in Shikaripura town, too, wore a gloomy atmosphere. Amid the virtual meeting scheduled on July 24, Raghavendra was seen busy organising the foundation laying ceremony for various projects in the district, worth about Rs 1,700 crore.

RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa had recently said that the issue would be resolved if everybody keeps silent, including himself. Speaking to the media earlier, he said they will abide by the decision of the central leaders. "Those who are speaking about this issue, including Yatnal, have to keep quiet, that in turn will be good for the state," he said.

MLC and industrialist S Rudregowda had earlier said there's no question of change of leadership "before the high command".

Apart from the district BJP leaders, senior Congress leaders said the district witnessed development during Yediyurappa's tenure and much would was expected for the district. Former MLA K B Prasanna Kumar told the media on Thursday, "If CM Yediyurappa continues as Chief Minister, then Shivamogga district will see more development."

Some Congress leaders said, "We had ideological differences with the BJP, but not with Yediyurappa when it comes to development of the district."

POLITICAL THEATRE

Yediyurappa to inspect B'luru infra works today

BENGALURU : Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa will inspect various infrastructure works in Benglauru on Friday. Speaking to reporters, Yediyurappa said as part of his city rounds, he will inspect storm-water drains and the ongoing work of white-topping of roads. In January, Yediyurappa had inspected various works, including Metro works and Smart City projects.

Forum wants Sriramulu as next CM

MYSURU: Amid rumours of B S Yediyurappa resigning as CM, several Valmiki and Nayaka community members have urged the BJP leadership to consider Social Welfare Minister B Sriramulu for the top post. Addressing a press meet here on Thursday, members of the Karnataka Rajya Nayaka Hitarakshana Vedike said that no member from the community has become the CM till date. "Sriramulu had travelled across the state like Yediyurappa... He was promised DyCM post.. but that did not happen," said vedike president Dyavappa Nayaka.

State's loan burden has increased: Cong

MYSURU: Accusing the BJP leaders of being power-hungry, KPCC spokesperson M Lakshman on Thursday said that at a time when people of the state are suffering from financial crisis due to Covid-19 and hike in prices of essential commodities, including fuel, the BJP is enacting a 'political drama' over change in the state's leadership. BJP leaders are not interested in addressing the woes of people and are worried only about power, he told reporters. He came down heavily on the CM and said that his only achievement was to increase the state's loan burden.

BJP SC Morcha slams MLC Vishwanath

MYSURU: MLC A H Vishwanath, who is vocal against the BJP government in the state demanding a change in leadership, faced the wrath of his own party leaders for his alleged remarks against CM BS Yediyurappa. Addressing reporters on Thursday, Kudluru Sridharamurthy, member of the Karnataka BJP SC Morcha, said that the party must take disciplinary action against Vishwanath for his remarks against Yediyurappa and the functioning of the BJP government in the state. "Vishwanath became an MLC only because of Yediyurappa. But, he wants CM to step down," said Sridharamurthy, a former taluk panchayat member.

Lingayat seers address the media at Gubbi in Tumakuru district on Thursday

More seers rally behind BSY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tumakuru

WHILE the suspense over Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's tenure continues, various Veerashaiva-Lingayat community heads have been showing solidarity with the 78-year-old Lingayat strongman, by openly backing him in public. Speculation about a change in leadership has been making the rounds in political circles ever since Yediyurappa returned to Bengaluru from his two-day Delhi visit last week.

Sri Chandrashekara Swami of Bettadahalli Mutt, while indirectly referring to Yediyurappa's son B Y Vijayendra, has advised the latter to stay away from his father's affairs. "Only a few sycophants might be with you (Vijayendra)... 90 per cent of people are keeping a close watch on you and your relatives. You have many avenues to serve people, restrain yourself from meddling in your father's activities," he added.

A group of seers led by him held a meeting at Gubbi on Thursday, and warned the BJP high command against removing Yediyurappa as the CM.

"We don't know what mistake he (Yediyurappa) has committed... even if he has committed a mistake in the past, it was because of the circumstances then. You (high command) should forgive him," he said. He said if the high command does not end speculation of a leadership change, it will affect the administration of the state.

Sri Revanasiddeshwara Swami of Doddaguni Mutt observed that Yediyurappa was working like a young man ever since he took over as Chief Minister. He praised him for the way he handled floods and the Covid-19 pandemic. "Morarji Desai became prime minister at the age of 85. Let Yediyurappa continue as the state's CM and complete his term as he is a leader of the masses who announced a relief package for even street vendors," he added.

Snoopgate: Congress seeks judicial probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SENIOR Congress leaders, protesting against alleged illegal snooping using Pegasus spyware and demanding a judicial probe into it, were taken into custody by police after they tried to march towards Raj Bhavan here on Thursday.

Former chief minister Siddaramaiah, KPCC president DK Shivakumar and KPCC working presidents, and party MLAs and MLCs were stopped near General Post Office, while they were marching towards Raj Bhavan from Vidhana Soudha. They were released later. Siddaramaih accused the Union Government of being directly involved in illegal surveillance and demanded a judicial probe headed by a Supreme Court judge. "The Union Government should stop this dirty game. It is a major crime," he said.

Congress members protest near Vidhana Soudha on Thursday | SHRIRAM BN

In a memorandum addressed to the President, the Congress said by tapping the phones of its leaders and their staff, the BJP had engineered the resignation of 17 MLAs from Congress and JDS. "The BJP leaders might have tapped the phones of leaders from Madhya Pradesh and other states and toppled the governments there too... which is against the mandate given by the people and provisions of the Constitution," the memorandum read.

Siddu, DKS check on Oscar in hosp

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

FORMER Union minister and Rajya Sabha MP Oscar Fernades, who has been hospitalised after a fall in his house, showed slight improvement in his condition on Thursday. However, he is still being treated in the ICU.

Party leaders said there was some improvement in his health after he underwent dialysis on Wednesday night. He will be kept under observation for 2-3 more days and, depending on his condition, the doctors will take a call on operating him to remove the blood clot in his brain. Oscar had slipped during his routine exercises on Monday and hit his head against a wall. When he went for dialysis on Tuesday, he told doctors about the fall and was suggested to undergo an MRI scan which revealed a blood clot in his brain.

Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar at Yenepoya Hospital in Mangaluru on Thursday

Congress leaders, including Siddaramaiah, D K Shivakumar, S R Patil and others called on Oscar at Yenepoya Hospital on Thursday.

Meanwhile, AICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka, Randeep Singh Surjewala, cancelled his Friday meeting with leaders in Mangaluru in view of Oscar's hospitalisation.

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

1,653 CASES REPORTED TODAY

TALLY AS ON TODAY: 28,89,994

YESTERDAY: 28,88,341

1,639 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

DEATHS — TODAY: 31 | YESTERDAY: 36

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until July 22, 2021, a total of 28,89,994 cases have been reported in 1 year and 132 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
2,572	2,214

Active cases

TODAY	24,695
YESTERDAY	25,645

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	7.72%
YESTERDAY	7.74%

The day positivity rate — 1.17% — is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.25%
YESTERDAY	1.25%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	97.88%
YESTERDAY	97.85%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

418 BENGALURU URBAN

46 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalakote	3
Ballari	6
Belagavi	60
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagara	29
Chikkaballapura	10
Chikkamagaluru	64
Chitradurga	21
Dakshina Kannada	229
Davanagere	27
Dharwada	14
Gadag	3
Hassan	97
Haveri	2
Kalaburagi	3
Kodagu	107
Kolara	21
Koppala	2
Mandya	36
Mysuru	134
Raichuru	2
Ramanagara	3
Shivamogga	87
Tumakuru	104
Udupi	82
Uttara Kannada	34
Vijayapura	9
Yadagiri	0

Delta variant replicates 1k times more

Strain multiplies rapidly in respiratory tract, shows increased transmissibility

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

THE Indian SARS-Cov2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) said on Thursday that genome sequencing of recent samples from across the country has shown that the Delta variant continues to be the dominant cause of the new Covid cases. They also said that evidence shows vaccines are offering high protection against the variant.

Meanwhile, a recent study published in the Lancet, stated that the Delta variant has been growing rapidly in people's respiratory tracts, and has replicated over a thousand times more than the original strain of the virus.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has been tracking the Delta variant on a day-to-day basis, and have found that in countries including India, the variant has shown increased transmissibility.

Dr Maria Van Kerkhove, a scientist at WHO, said at a press conference, "We are tracking the variant's behaviour. So far, increased transmissibility is being reported. We are working with a number of technical networks to really look at the incubation period. We are also looking at the time a person is exposed to the virus, how it is transmitted, whether it is transmitted in an indoor, closed setting or not," she explained.

The lineages of Delta variant- the AY1 and AY2- are also being tracked. It was also found that on an average, it takes about four days for the Delta variant to reach detectable levels in an infected person. The original strain could only be detected after 6 days of infection. Interestingly, the study found that the patient with Delta strain transmitted the virus in the initial days of the infection, underscoring the importance of immediate quarantine.

> **Unless a new virulent mutation occurs again, the third wave will be predominantly driven by the Delta variant**
>
> Dr Vishal Rao, Regional Director, HCG

Agreeing to the severity of transmission and possibility that the third wave may also be predominantly driven by the delta variant, Dr Vishal Rao, Regional Director, Head Neck Surgical Oncology and Associate Dean, Centre of Academics and Research HCG Cancer Centre, who is also a member of the Covid-19 Genomic Surveillance Committee, GoK said, "Unless a new virulent mutation occurs again, the third wave will be predominantly driven by the Delta variant. We are also watching out for the Lambda variant, but so far, it has not been reported in the country."

RAY OF HOPE?

At 31, state sees 2nd lowest deaths after July 20

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WITH 1,653 new Covid cases on Thursday, the state's tally of positives now stands at 28,89,994. The positivity rate slid from 7.74 to 7.72 per cent, and the recovery rate rose from 97.85 to 97.88 per cent, with 2,572 discharges on the day. At 31 deaths, the state recorded its second lowest daily toll after July 20 when 29 fatalities were reported. The toll now stands at 36,293 with the mortality rate at 1.25 per cent. Active cases reduced from 25,645 to 24,695. Bengaluru reported 418 cases which took the city's tally to 12,23,644 cases. The recovery rate increased from 97.93 to 97.99 per cent while the mortality rate stayed the same at 1.29 per cent, with three deaths. Active cases dipped below the 9,000 mark, from 9,495 to 8,748.

COVID BYTES

Train the trainers to start today

BENGALURU: In an attempt to reach out to people who have suffered psychological trauma and grief during the Covid-19 pandemic, the State Government has taken up an initiative to train the trainers for providing counselling, guidance and psychological first aid services to such people. The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), which has been conducting various programmes through the Department of Epidemiology, NIMHANS, will train NSS coordinators, officers, volunteers and members of youth clubs in counselling skills to serve the needy at their doorstep. **ENS**

Resume non-Covid services, govt says

BENGALURU: A circular issued by the health department directed all government hospitals in the state, including district hospitals, to resume their non-Covid services. Due to the pandemic, these services were shut and primary, secondary, tertiary care services were not available for the public, who were running from pillar to post seeking treatment. Non-Covid services including OPD should be opened, while adhering to all Covid safety precautions and protocol. Should the need arise, the hospital will have to shift back to only Covid-19 only services, if cases increase again, the circular read. **ENS**

CITY NEEDS 450 PAEDIATRIC ICU BEDS

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AHEAD of the possible third wave of Covid-19, experts have expressed concern over the new Lambda variant which is prevalent in over 25 countries. The 14-member committee of paediatric experts, set up by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), has said that the government should start preparing by ramping up infrastructure as there is very little clarity on how the new variant will affect children, who are likely to be affected the most in the third wave.

The BBMP has identified 260 paediatric beds in the city, of which 60 are ICU, HDU (high dependency unit) and oxygen beds. The paediatric experts' committee has, however, emphasised on the need to create 400-450 paediatric ICU, HDU and oxygen beds to face the third wave.

According to the committee, the infection rate among children during the first two waves of the pandemic was 12 per cent. So far, only 5 per cent of the infected children needed hospitalisation and less than 1 per cent required ICU treatment, said an expert.

"There are around 25 lakh children in Bengaluru alone. So, if 2.5 lakh children get infected, 2,5000 of them may need medical intervention. So, at least 450 ICU beds with oxygen will be needed," the expert added. "It is a rough estimate and the same calculation can be done for the state as well," the committee has told the government.

Dr Sanjay K S, Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, told TNIE that children are the most vulnerable as they are not vaccinated against Covid-19. "Preparations should be made well in advance as we have seen cases of children developing multi-inflammatory infections post Covid-19," the doctor, who is also a member of the paediatric advisory committee, added.

While the committee has expressed relief that the State Government has already started setting up Covid Care Centres (CCCs), it has also recommended for peripheral vaccination at the earliest — jabbing all those who handle children, including parents, grandparents and other family members, attendants and teachers in schools, drivers, helpers and others.

With experts suggesting that most of the Covid-positive patients don't require hospitalisation and can be treated for symptoms at home, the committee members have recommended to the government to enhance surveillance.

RGICD to open 200-bed Covid-19 hospital soon

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

CITY hospitals are ramping up their infrastructure to tackle the predicted Covid third wave and prevent a rerun of the acute scarcity of beds. KC General Hospital recently set up a makeshift Covid hospital, and now, the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases (RGICD) too is well on course to opening one.

The upcoming hospital, located next to its main building, will have 200 beds, including ICU and High Dependency Unit (oxygen) beds, triaging area, wards and staff rooms, among others.

"There are multiple Covid-19 virus mutations that could lead to a third and even fourth wave. To prevent a repeated struggle for beds, which we saw in the earlier two waves, we are building this makeshift hospital. It took just one month, and one unit is ready. The second unit will be ready soon and will be opened in 15 days," Dr C Nagaraj, RGICD director, said, adding that RGICD staff will be deployed along with additional staffers provided by the state government from nearby hospitals.

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> Dr C Nagaraj, RGICD director

The hospital is also considering setting up a paediatric section for Covid cases, similar to the Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, should there be a surge in children getting infected, as some experts predict for the third wave.

There are only 10 Covid-19 patients and 45 Severe Acute Respiratory Infection patients in the Covid-19 building right now.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division, Shimoga

No.EE/PWD/Smg/AE-3/IFT-8/2021-22 Dtd:19.07.2021

Tender Notification

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Sd/- EE, PWDept, Shimoga Division, Shimoga

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IMPORTANT DATES

Online Application form will be opened on : 24-07-2021
Last date for on-line Application : 22-08-2021

Date : 23.07.2021 DIPR/609/DISPLAY/2021

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The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name Of The Borrower / Address & Name of Trust	Date Of Notice & NPA	Loan No. and Outstanding Amount	Description Of Secured Assets
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Place: Bangalore

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The Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology Cancer Research and Training Centre is all set to get a paediatric oncology intensive care unit by the first week of August

6-yr-old girl falls out of bus, run over

Accident occurred en route to Maddur after driver suddenly applied brakes

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IN a freak mishap, a six-year-old girl was killed after smashing through the windshield of a private bus in which she was travelling, after the driver applied brakes suddenly, and the vehicle ran over her. The incident occurred in Magadi taluk of Ramanagara district on Wednesday. The deceased has been identified as **Jeevika**, a resident of Rajagopalanagar. She was the only daughter of Kumar and Jyothi.

Police said Jeevika was going to her grandmother's house at Maddur in Mandya district, along with the latter, Gowramma, and uncle, Yogesh. They had boarded a private bus from Sunkadakatte in the morning, which was supposed to reach Maddur via Magadi and Huliyurudurga.

"The girl was sitting on the bench seat next to the engine. As the bus moved near Honnapura village of Kasaba hobli on the Bengaluru-Magadi Road at around 11.30 am, the driver was allegedly driving the vehicle rashly. While negotiating a hump, he applied brakes suddenly. The girl sitting in the front lost balance and was flung towards the windshield, smashing through it. As she fell in front of the bus, the vehicle ran over, crushing her head and killing her on the spot," police added. Based on Yogesh's complaint, the driver has been arrested.

Call for seatbelts

Meanwhile, experts feel that seatbelts are the best solution in such cases and supervising children below 10 years of age is a must to ensure their safety while travelling in public transport vehicles. Traffic expert MN Sreehari said seatbelts and the installation of sensors will save lives of those inside and outside the vehicles. "Parents or guardians should be cautious while travelling with children below 10 years of age. They should ensure that they are seated between two adults, so that they could be protected during accidents. Children below three years can sit on their mothers' lap wearing seatbelts as done in flights," he said.

Installation of sensors in vehicles to sense movements around three metres will save lives.

"If the driver applies sudden brakes, even those sitting inside may injure themselves. Hence, seatbelts and censors should be made mandatory," Sreehari suggested.

EXPRESS READ

Vandalism: Cops look for three youths

Bengaluru: Three youths went on a rampage and vandalised five vehicles that were parked on the streets of RPC Layout in Vijayanagara police station limits on Thursday. Police said three cars and two goods vehicles were damaged in the incident that took place at around 1 am. The youths, who were believed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, smashed the windshields of vehicles. The incident was caught on CCTV cameras in the vicinity. "The suspects will be nabbed soon," police said.

HC seeks report on night shelters

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the Secretary of the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority to ensure that the secretaries of district legal services authorities make random surprise visits to night shelters provided for the urban homeless, and check whether required facilities are made available to them, and submit a report in a month.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order, as it sought to know the condition of existing night shelters, after going through the affidavit filed by the government in connection with a PIL filed by Peoples Union For Civil Liberties - Karnataka.

Meanwhile, the government told the court that out of a total 166 shelters required in the state, of which 54 night shelters have been approved, only 46 are functioning. Taking note, the HC directed the state to ensure that at least 42 night shelters are operationalised within three months.

Fabrication: Court asks for probe papers in sealed cover

The HC on Thursday asked the SIT to submit the further investigation report in a sealed cover, into the FIR registered at Halasuru Gate police station over the fabrication of registered documents, and use of counterfeit seals and franking machines at Sub-Registrars' offices in the city. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order, hearing a PIL by social activist S Narayana.

B'luru woman tortured in Saudi, finally back

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

SABIHA would perhaps have been still languishing as an unpaid housemaid, subjected to beatings and emotional and mental abuse, at the home of Sa'ad Al-Anaizi in Al-Quratath, a city in the northern part of Saudi Arabia bordering Jordan if it were not for the consistent efforts of an Udupi native who migrated to the country 24 years ago. P A Hameed Padubidri, who works for a defence company in Riyadh and also does legal work and social service, ensured she was saved from the clutches of her tormentor.

Sabiha's older son Waseem, who runs a fruit business in Tumakuru, told *TNIE*, "We could not get a direct flight to Bengaluru for my mother. So, a group which helped my mother, booked a ticket for her up to Kochi and I am on way to drive her back to my house. She touched Indian shores at 5.30 pm on Thursday. That is the biggest relief for of us all at home."

Waseem is upset with his brother Saleem in Yelahanka who let her leave for Saudi Arabia without keeping him in the loop. "I will take her back to Tumakuru, where my ailing father stays with me. I was kept completely in the dark about her departure," he lamented.

Hameed, who helped rescue another woman, Fairoza, last month, alleged, "Sa'ad Al-Anaizi is running a big racket, bringing women from different parts of India on visit visas, which have only a 90-day validity, and sending them as housemaids to families in Saudi Arabia. He gets anywhere between 2,500 to 3,000 Riyals from each family and pays the maids 1,000 or 1,200 Riyals a month. Even that is not paid regularly. Sabiha was an extreme case in which she was not paid for nine months and worked in his house tending to six members of his family."

After learning about her plight from the woman who was rescued last month, Hameed made consistent efforts to rescue her. "The sponsor has been fined 30,000 Riyals for violating visa rules of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," he added. "When the employer found out about her interactions with me, he twisted her arm and snatched her mobile phone and locked her in a room without giving her food for three days. Through other contacts, I was able to arrange food for her on the fourth day. He finally agreed to send her back to India... "I requested the Consulate General of India in Jeddah to help her. The authorities there completed all the formalities and she has been allowed to leave for India on July 22," Hameed said.

Dropout held for murder of mentally unstable aunt

ENS @ Bengaluru

ANEKAL police have arrested a 21-year-old youth for allegedly murdering his mentally unstable aunt.

Pawan, a Second PU dropout, has been held on charges of murdering his aunt, Nagaveni (45). The incident took place at Vinayaka Nagar in Anekal town on Wednesday afternoon.

Police said Nagaveni was mentally unstable and was living with the family of her younger sister Bhagyamma, after her parents passed away around three years ago. Bhagyamma and her husband Papaiah used to take care of all her expenses, which upset their younger son Pawan.

"At around 12.30 pm, when only Nagaveni and Pawan were at home, the latter murdered his aunt by striking her head with a rolling pin and strangulating her with a mobile phone charger cable. The incident came to light when his mother arrived at around 12.45 pm, and found her sister lying dead in the drawing room," police said.

Based on a complaint filed by Bhagyamma, Pawan was picked up immediately. "It was found that Pawan was under the influence of some drugs," police added.

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Tender Notification
(Through e-procurement Portal)

Tender No. 01/MDN/STS/W/Digital VHF/2021-22, Dated : 20.07.2021

Additional Director General of Police, Communication, Logistics & Modernization, Bengaluru invited tender for Design, Supply, Commissioning and Maintenance of Digital VHF Radio Communication Network for Costal Security Police (CSP), Udupi Unit through e-procurment portal. Estimated Bid Value **Rs. 184.92 Lakhs.** Pre-bid meeting on **04.08.2021 at 11.30 Hrs.** The Last date and time for tender submission **21.08.2021. 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained by visiting e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For more information, please contact the above office.

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NOTIFICATION

Seeking "Request for Proposal" (RFP) from eligible Evaluation Consultant Organizations to take up evaluation of studies under QCBS method of KTPP Act.

Karnataka Evaluation Authority (KEA) is a technical agency for guiding and overseeing the evaluation of all Public Policies, Programmes, Schemes, Boards, Urban and Rural Bodies and State undertakings in Karnataka. KEA intends to evaluate few schemes of the Government of Karnataka.

All the Evaluation Consultant Organizations (ECOs) who intend to apply must carefully go through all the sections of this RFP. Interested ECOs are requested to upload filled Technical and Financial Proposals as prescribed in the RFP along with the letters to the e-Procurement Portal website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** after downloading the required documents hosted in the same website. The applicants have to pay **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 40,000/-** online which is refundable to non-selected ECOs.

The last date and time fixed for uploading the filled documents and to make the payment of EMD is on or **before 23-08-2021 at 17.30 hours.**

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Appointment of Project Management Consultancy

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2	Suryanagar 4th phase Sites & Services Scheme block-5 & 7	4		
3	Suryanagar 4th phase Sites & Services Scheme block-8	5		
4	Suryanagar 4th phase Sites & Services Scheme block-10 & 12	7		
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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Chief Manager & Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **22.12.2020** calling upon the borrowers: **M/s. Shree Bhavani Castings Prop: Sri. P. Ravi Kumar** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.59,01,243/-** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three only) as on 22.12.2020 and interest & expenses thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **22.07.2021.**

The borrowers / Guarantors/Mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India, for an amount of **Rs. 63,14,534/-** (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Four only) as on 16.07.2021 and further interest from 17.07.2021 costs, etc., thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property with residential building Survey No.956/26, situated at site No.26, property No. 956/26 of Chandapur Village, Anekal Taluk as per from No.9, and Janjar No. 1185 of Chandapur Village, measuring East to West 40 ft. and North to South 30 ft. totally measuring 1200 sq.ft. standing in the name of Sri. P Ravikumar S/o Sri. Peerya Naik and bounded on the: East by : Site No.34, West by : Road, North by: Site No.27, South by: Road.

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA
Electronic City Branch

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 22.07.2021

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DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Reliance Home Finance Ltd. ("RHFL"). Pursuant to the Deed of Assignment, RHFL transferred and assigned the financial assets and other rights in favour of the Securitisation Trust. Subsequently, the Securitisation Trust appointed SBFC Finance Private Limited to do all such acts including enforcement of underlying securities. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder, as per guidelines of Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below, calling upon the following borrowers /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name Of The Borrower / Address & Name of Trust	Date Of Notice & NPA	Loan No. and Outstanding Amount	Description Of Secured Assets
1. S KUMARAVELU, 2. POOVARASI G, NO/138, R V LAYOUT MYLASANDRA RVC LAYOUT POST, BANGLORE, KARNATAKA-560060. 3. M S CATERING, 1/2 NEAR GLOBAL VILLAGE, BGS ROAD MYLASANDRA BANGLORE KARNATAKA-560054. Trust Name: Indian Receivable Trust 19 - Series-3 dated 21-Feb-19	Notice Date: 15th May 2021 NPA date: 31st March 2021	Loan Account No : RHLPBAN000069047 (PR00710419) Loan Amount: Rs. 1485000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh(s) Eighty Five Thousand Only) Outstanding amount: Rs.1497280/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh(s) Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Only) as on 7th May 2021	ALL THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY BEARING SITE NO. 8, IN CONVERTED SURVEY NO. 1, BBMP KATHA NO. 523, EASTERN PORTION OF PROPERTY NO.471/487 A/504/ 504/8, MEASURING EAST TO WEST 25-3 FEET AND NORTH TO SOUTH 24+23.6)/ 2 FEET IN MYLASANDRA VILLAGE, KENGERI HOBLI, BANGLORE SOUTH TALUK, BANGLORE, KARNATAKA- 560060 BOUNDED AS EAST- SITE NO.7, WEST- REMAINING PORTION OF SAME NUMBER PROPERTY SOLD TO M. VADIVELAN, NORTH- ROAD AND WEST- BEML SOCIETY PROPERTY.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers, to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act and the applicable Rules thereunder.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Dated: 23rd July 2021
Place: Bangalore

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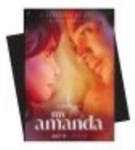
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Film and theatre actor K T S Padannayil passed away here on Thursday. He was 88 and had been undergoing treatment for age-related ailments at Indira Gandhi Cooperative Hospital at Kadavanthra in Kochi

FLOOD FURY BACK TO HAUNT TELANGANA

As many as 16 of 33 districts affected; with water levels rising steadily, people cry for help from rooftops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

THE mighty Godavari is in spate. People in north Telangana districts are trembling with fear as the river is roaring down its course, filling projects to the brim, inundating villages, colonies and throwing life out of gear. As many as 16 of the 33 districts in the State are affected by the rains and floods.

With Karnataka releasing excess water from Almatti and Narayanapur projects into Jurala, Srisailam and Nagarjuna Sagar projects, the Krishna river is also welling up.

Though there are no reports of deaths so far from any corner of the state, the situation is very grim. The IMD has predicted heavy to very heavy rains in the next couple of days, panic is prevailing in all the North Telangana districts.

For instance, in the district headquarters town of Nirmal, the residents are going through an agonising ordeal. As roads are flooded, people are stuck in their homes. With the water levels rising steadily, they have reached the rooftops, crying for help. Nirmal district received an average rainfall of more than 20 cm during the last 24 hours. Another town, Bhainsa, is also affected with all transportation links having been cut off. NDRF teams which have been rushed to these towns could negotiate through the floodwaters and reach their destination so far.

Sriaram Sagar in the erstwhile Nizamabad district, which used to be known as the lifeline of Telangana before the Kalaeswaram Project was unveiled, presents a frightening picture with the project, which is always near empty, for a change, is near to its full 90 tmcft capacity and the excess water which is arriving in lakhs of cusecs is surging down from all its gates.

The Sircilla collectorate complex inundated due to flood water in Telangana on Thursday | EXPRESS

INCESSANT RAIN LASHES COASTAL DISTS IN ANDHRA

Vijayawada: Under the influence of a low pressure area formed in the Bay of Bengal, heavy rains lashed Krishna, West Godavari, East Godavari, Guntur, Kurnool, Chittoor, Prakasam and Nellore districts on Thursday. Light to moderate rains occurred in other parts of the State. Heavy rains are likely to continue in some parts of coastal districts on Friday and incessant drizzle in Rayalaseema. **ENS**

Heavy downpour across Kodagu, Malnad, water levels rise in rivers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davangere/Madikeri/Chikkamagaluru

HEAVY and continuous downpour across parts of Kodagu has pushed up water levels in several river basins to an alarming level. The water level in the Cauvery in Kushalnagar is gradually increasing, following increased inflow, and fear of flood is imminent in the temple towns of Bhagamandala and Talacauvery.

Bhagamandala recorded 105 mm rainfall, while water in the Cauvery at Siddapura and Nellihudikeri areas, has also risen drastically. The residents have been warned to shift to safer places. The authorities are releasing 14,000 cusecs of water from the Harangi reservoir. The water level in the dam is being maintained at 2855.56 ft, while the total capacity is 2859 ft. Following increased outflow, water in the Cauvery at Kudige has also reached an alarming level.

Deputy Commissioner Mahantesh Bilagi and SP CB Ryshyanth inspect the damaged bridge at Kondajji village of Davangere district on Thursday | EXPRESS

The Gonikoppal Krishi Vignyana Kendra Agro Met Unit sent an SOS message to farmers, cautioning heavy rainfall for the next 48 hours.

Rain continued to batter all parts of Chikkamagaluru district, picking up momentum on Thursday. Cloudy weather and steady showers continued all day, forcing people to stay indoors.

With heavy rain pounding the catchment area in Kudremukh region, major rivers the Tunga, Bhadra and Hemavathy that originate there are overflowing. Water level in these rivers is continuously swelling. The overflowing Hemavathy near Banakal is inundating fields and plantations.

Heavy rain also lashed Davangere district, inundating low-lying areas and filling tanks. Heavy water flow in the Kondajji lake damaged the bridge due to heavy waterflow.

Expect more rain in K'taka till July 26

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast more rain for the state till July 26 as South-West monsoon is vigorous. The weatherman has issued an orange alert for most parts of coastal Karnataka on July 23 and yellow alert from July 24-26 in coastal Karnataka. Orange and yellow alerts have also also issued for parts of North- and South-interior Karnataka till July 24.

Bengaluru director in-charge of IMD, C S Patil, said the monsoon is active and vigorous due to the formation of various weather systems. These include offshore trough from south Gujarat to north Kerala coast at Mean Sea Level. There is also a low pressure area over north-west Bay of Bengal and the neighbourhood.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru recorded 1.7mm of rainfall, the international airport 1 mm rainfall and HAL airport 0.7 mm of rainfall up to 5.30 pm on Thursday.

Farmers protest in Rangepalli, Andhra Pradesh, against the acquisition of their land for SWR's Yelahanka-Penukonda doubling project

Land acquisition issues further delay crucial SWR project

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE crucial doubling line project between Yelahanka and Penukonda of the South Western Railway Zone will now be completed only by October due to delays in land acquisition. The Covid lockdowns and labour issues also threw a spanner in the works.

A total of 48 km is yet to be completed out of the 120.55-km stretch of this line. The project was sanctioned in the financial year 2015-2016.

A reliable source told TNIE that parcels of land required in Rangepalli in Anantpur district of Andhra Pradesh have emerged as a major bone of contention.

"Even on Tuesday (July 20), farmers protested by squatting on the railway tracks near Rangepalli over the issue," he said. A total of 48.2 km of the line falls in AP and the rest in Karnataka.

SWR is yet to acquire 23.2 acres required for the project. There are two categories of disgruntled land owners. "One section has given the land to the Railways and are worried that their compensation will not be paid fully if the project gets completed. Another section does not want to part with their land and are protesting against it," the source said. He expressed optimism that the issues will be resolved within a fortnight.

"We had set a target of September this year for completion, but now we are looking at October-end," he added.

The series of lockdowns and shortage of labour force, too, delayed the project. However, the line has been completed in phases and those stretches made operational.

The 36-km stretch between Makalidurga and Devarapalli was commissioned on April 5, 2019, while the stretch between Yelahanka and Makalidurga was commissioned on February 25, 2021. As per data made available by the SWR, the total cost of the project is expected to be Rs 988.37 crore at the time of completion.

Another source said, "More trains can be run when the line is fully doubled. Trains can be run from KSR Bengaluru or Yesvantpur towards AP, Delhi and in the Hubballi direction." No one in the Railways gave specifics on the cost escalation expected for the doubling project due to the delay in completion.

'Important step towards space research'

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PROF Nirupam Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, IISc, Prof Jagadheep D Pandian, Associate Professor, Department of Earth and Space Sciences, IIST, and Rohit Dokara, PhD student at MPIfR and originally from IISc, who is the first author of one of the series of papers on the detection of new SNRs, published in the journal Astronomy & Astrophysics, are the Indian scientists under the Global View on Star formation in the Milky Way (GLOSTAR) project.

The GLOSTAR project used two powerful radio telescopes to scout the galaxy and detect the SNRs - the Karl G Jansky Very Large Array (VLA) telescope at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), USA, and the Effelsberg 100-m radio telescope, operated by the Max Planck Institute for Radio Astronomy (MPIfR), Germany, under the GLOSTAR project.

"Since the GLOSTAR survey detects a wide range of radio emission - from methanol molecules to ionised hydrogen - it is able to probe the formation of massive stars from very early to relatively late stages, which is important to get a complete picture of star formation in the Milky Way," said Pandian, who has previously worked at MPIfR. Interestingly, all 80 new SNRs have been detected through the VLA data alone, although more are expected to be identified from the combined MPIfR's Effelsberg radio telescope and the VLA data, an IISc dispatch said.

The Effelsberg radio telescope is capable of detecting large-scale star structures, while the VLA is a collection of small antennas that can capture details at high resolution. The data pooled from both telescopes helped the researchers paint a more comprehensive picture of different astrophysical objects in the Milky Way galaxy, explained Andreas Brunthaler of MPIfR, project leader and first author of the survey's overview paper.

"This is an important step to solve this long-standing mystery of the missing supernova remnants," said Rohit Dokara.

The team was also able to confirm the presence of 77 previously discovered SNRs and reclassify a few that were found to be misidentified.

The team was also able to detect dense pockets of ionised hydrogen, another tell-tale sign of the presence of massive young stars. The researchers detected traces of star formation, including radio emission from methanol molecules in a relatively nearby large star-forming complex called Cygnus X, about 4,600 light years from the Sun. Astrophysicists said such emissions are typical from massive stars in the very early stages of formation.

"As visible light gets absorbed in this dense cloud around stars, most of the optical telescopes don't reveal much. What people look for, instead, are radio emissions," said Prof Roy.

This feat is being touted as impressive, considering that the northern telescopes used in the GLOSTAR project are able to see only half of the inner regions of the Milky Way as the project does not have such powerful telescopes in the Earth's southern hemisphere.

Apart from the three Indian scientists, other members of the team were from MPIfR and NRAO, besides collaborators from institutions in the UK, South Africa, Mexico, France and Australia.

Kidwai to get paediatric oncology ICU soon

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

THE Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology Cancer Research and Training Centre, Karnataka's only government-run cancer care hospital, is all set to get a paediatric oncology intensive care unit by the first week of August. The hospital treats a lot of paediatric cases for cancers, including blood, brain, lymphoma, solid tumours in the liver, kidney or pancreas, bones and soft tissue.

Due to lack of transport and movement restrictions during the lockdown, the hospital used to get just one or two new cases every three days. But now, following the unlock, it has risen to five to seven cases. According to Kidwai doctors, 90 per cent of their patients are from below the poverty line. "The upcoming ICU will have eight beds and six step-down ICU beds where patients who need oxygen, but do not require a ventilator, will be admitted before being shifted to the general ward. We receive around 600 new paediatric cancer cases a year and 2,000 patients come for follow-ups," said Dr C Ramachandra, director of Kidwai Hospital.

The upcoming ICU will have eight beds and six step-down ICU beds

Dr Arun Kumar A R, associate professor and in-charge head of the department, Paediatric Oncology, pointed out that a paediatric ICU was necessary as children with cancer, who are on chemotherapy, suffer Febrile Neutropenia, where their count of white blood cells, red blood cells and platelets go down and they contract infection from within. "In such cases, ICU admissions are warranted as the patients suffer sudden deterioration of health," he said.

The ICU is also required for oncological emergencies such as Tumour Lysis Syndrome, Superior Mediastinal Syndrome, etc. The ICU stay for children could vary from three-four days to seven-ten days.

The medical ICU in the hospital campus is undergoing renovation, while the OPD block, funded by Infosys Foundation, and the PET scan building will be opened soon. A tender has been called for constructing a waiting hall for patients, especially meant for those undergoing long duration of treatment.

EXPRESS READ

Ex-AIADMK minister's properties raided

Chennai/Karur: Directorate of Vigilance and Anti Corruption officials raided about 26 places, linked to former minister and Karur AIADMK district secretary MR Vijayabhaskar, on Thursday and seized D25.5 lakh of unaccounted cash and documents. It is alleged that he had tenders issued favouring certain companies to sell government-approved reflective stickers. **ENS**

'Power generation only incidental to irrigation'

Vijayawada: Even as the Telangana government has been disregarding Krishna River Management Board's direction and continuing power generation using river Krishna water, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat clarified that power generation is only incidental to irrigation and drinking water needs. **ENS**

Camera traps go missing in Nagarahole forest area

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

AMID concern over poaching cases, especially after the outbreak of Covid-19 and subsequent lockdowns, 'theft and disappearance' of camera traps installed in the forest areas have posed a new challenge to the officials concerned.

According to sources, in a span of one month, more than 10 trap cameras that were installed at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and other forest areas in the region have gone 'missing' or 'stolen' which has come as a blow to the forest department in its effort to keep a track of wildlife movement. The unusual rise in the number of thefts of these cameras has now come to the notice of the officials who are suspecting involvement of poachers and unauthorised people. The camera traps not only help the officials track wildlife movement in the forests, but enable them track movement of poachers entering the forest area.

In June, at least 8 camera traps installed at Veeranahosahalli, Anechowkuru and other buffer zones of Nagarahole, were lifted, which came to the notice of officials when they went to collect the chip from these cameras. A similar incident was reported at Doddaharave reserve forest where cameras were installed as part of the tiger census. Two cameras of Cuddeback and memory cards worth Rs 32,000 were stolen by miscreants and a police complaint has been lodged. Deputy Conservator of Forests and Director of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Mahesh Kumar suspect that it might be handiwork of poachers and miscreants who do this to enter the forest illegally.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my clients **Sri Shivakumar S**, S/o Sri R. Srinivas, aged about 40 years, residing at No. 9, 5th Cross, 1st 'A' Main road, Maruthinagar, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore-560 072 is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from Smt. Pramila Gowda, D/o Late Thimmegowda, aged about 51 years, residing at House No. 75, Near Mulkatamma Temple, 4th Cross, K.K. Layout, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 072.

Any person/s having any claim or objection for the proposed purchase or having any right, title or interest in the Schedule Property may contact or should lodge such claim and objection in writing with supporting documents within **(15) FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of publication failing which it will be presumed that there are no valid claims charges and encumbrance whatsoever over the Schedule Property and my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction, any claim received Lodged thereafter will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No. 1565 in V.P. Katha No. 1466, situated at Jnanaganganagar, Mallathahalli, present Ward No. 129, within the limits of BBMP, No. **1466/1565** is now became as municipal Katha No. **1143/1146/1565,** measuring **East to West: 60.00 feet, North to South 40.00 feet,** Total **2400 sqft** and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Others Property, North by: Others property, South by: Same No. belongs to remaining property.

S. KHANDESHWARA, Advocate
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EDITORIAL

"The Covid crisis has sharply underscored the irrational nature of healthcare systems structured around corporate profit—the almost universal cutbacks to public hospital staffing and infrastructure and the prohibitive cost of medical services

Adam Hanieh

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PAVING THE WAY FOR PRIVATISATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS

With just eight months left in the current fiscal, it's a race against the clock for the government to privatise two public sector banks. In February, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman pledged to privatise two PSBs (besides IDBI Bank) and one public sector insurer within this fiscal. She even assured faster introduction of legislative amendments to banking laws that mandate minimum government ownership of 51% in PSBs. So the government must table amendments in the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970, and the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980, before proceeding with privatisation plans. To honour the commitments made during Budget 2021, it's essential to bring the Bills to Parliament in the ongoing Monsoon Session.

Besides amending banking laws, creation of the proposed bad bank also appears elementary as it allows shifting bad loans from banks' books before stake sale. Such a move makes balance sheets leaner and cleaner, and helps rake in more dough. But before any of this, the government must first settle with hostile employee unions, who threaten nationwide strikes at the drop of a hat. The banking sector is one of the largest employers and given rising unemployment, any move towards privatisation is bound to attract stern opposition.

While the asset quality of banks improved, the pandemic has affected PSBs' profitability and credit offtake. Worryingly, they are also losing market share, particularly in retail space. Lower profitability will burden the government to recapitalise banks to attract suitors. PSBs play a crucial role in funding infrastructure projects and priority sector lending. As the country needs additional focus on both, the government must ensure that privatisation doesn't throw a spanner in the works. Until now, banking consolidation saw three rounds of mergers, reducing the number of PSBs to 12 from 27. But now, it's essential that the government avoid token privatisation via capital infusion by another state-run company, particularly given precedents like state-owned Life Insurance Corporation bailing out IDBI Bank Ltd.

NOT-SO-NEET REPORT; DMK'S TASK CUT OUT

The A K Rajan committee, formed by the DMK government in June to study the impact of NEET on students in Tamil Nadu, recently submitted its report to the state government. The panel had sought feedback about the medical entrance test from the people of the state and received more than 85,000 responses, a majority of which, according to Justice Rajan, were against NEET.

Although TN embarked on lengthy legal battles against NEET, from 2017 it was left with no option but to conduct the test and rely on it for medical admissions. But data since its implementation has justified the criticisms of the test as favouring the urban and privileged sections over those from rural and poorer backgrounds. Further, data shows it is now repeat test-takers, and not first-timers, who are taking more of the medical seats through NEET. This, too, privileges the relatively wealthy students over those who cannot afford to spend a year or two preparing for it. The pressures that accompany NEET have been blamed for the deaths by suicide of at least 13 students in the state.

The previous state government sought to deal with the NEET dilemma by offering coaching to government school students but this was only accessible to some of them. It also sought to bring the state board syllabus more in line with the CBSE's, based on which NEET is framed. It had some success on this front. However, its move to provide a 7.5% quota in medical admissions for government school students had the largest impact till date, with around 300 students gaining medical seats last year. This was more than even pre-NEET.

However, the DMK came to power promising to abolish NEET. Accused of raising the hopes of students, it has so far made the token gesture of seeking an exemption from the test. Simultaneously, it has urged students to prepare for NEET this year. Now, with data from the Rajan panel on its side, it remains to be seen how the state will proceed. While its arguments on federalism and social justice may hold water, without a cogent strategy, the DMK would be at risk of meeting its critics' expectations of making promises it knew it wouldn't be able to keep.

Abundance is not necessarily wholesome in healthcare. Crowding the order-sheet with drugs of presumed benefit and many tests is wasteful and makes treatment expensive

CUTTING THE CLUTTER IN HEALTHCARE

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There comes a time when one must pause to review the past, revise the present and reboot the future. Such a time has come for healthcare, with its sands slipping through the hourglass of an unprecedented pandemic. Covid-19 has exposed the unseen vulnerabilities of our healthcare system. The turmoil that followed has churned the conduct of our workplaces as well as our social and personal lives. Priorities have changed, healthcare taking the centre stage with the realisation that health is truly wealth. A new world order with the spotlight on health is in evolution. Governments around the world are now looking at their policies of governance through the prism of health. Corporates have repositioned employee health as a key metric of institutional well-being. Health is now recognised as a marker of economic progress. This focus has attracted a host of new stakeholders into the healthcare space wanting to redefine its structure and form. Innovators have already unleashed a plethora of healthcare options birthed out of digital technology. Wearable devices, medical apps, wellness programmes, immune boosters and alternative medicine have flooded the retail market, with many over-the-counter options for the health-seeking public. Whether these will truly make a difference is a question worth asking. Very few of these will stand the test of time, but they have, for the time being, contributed to making healthcare cluttered, complex, confusing and costly.

With the rising expectations of a net-informed public, medical practitioners find it easier to comply with their demands rather than offer rational therapy. In the post-Covid world stricken with panic and paranoia, healthcare practice will change significantly. In the abundance of options, over-investigation, overdiagnosis and overtreatment will become routine. Long prescriptions with multivitamins, immune boosters, steroids, antibiotics, antihistamines and antidepressants as part of a defensive 'take-no-chance' approach will become commonplace. Indigenous medicines, pushed by the government, have found a niche in the allopathic repertoire. The resulting poly-therapy will amplify the perception that healthcare is prohibitively expensive.

Healthcare over the years has been cluttered with needed and unneeded additions. The exponential growth of research and development in medicine, biotechnology and pharmacology have undoubtedly transformed it. With artificial intelligence and other techno-tools promising a revolution in healthcare, one could argue that health for all would be achieved soon. On the threshold of this new dawn, the pandemic struck, the learnings of which have unmasked a different story. The upheaval experienced was due more to the lack of simple and basic layers of care than the limited techno-heavy facilities available. This reality must prompt stakeholders to qualitatively declutter the spectrum of healthcare that is dense in our cities but sparse in towns and villages.

Abundance is not necessarily wholesome in the world of health, austerity is. Optimising healthcare delivery by offering evidenced, essential care is the way forward. Crowding the order-sheet with drugs of presumed benefit is wasteful. Costly antibiotics, steroids and antibody infusions must be used conservatively and with clinical discretion. Covid-19 is a good example. Thousands ran helter-skelter chasing Remdesivir, Favipiravir, Ivermectin and Plasma, only to be told in hindsight that these offer no significant benefit. Repeated CT scans, D-Dimer and CRP pushed more and more people into unnecessary in-hospital care. A significant few in India are fighting black fungus and bone death due to the injudicious use of steroids. Covid survivors are latching on to the myriad measures advertised on social media. Non-validated virus attenuation technology, fancy masks that claim to save oxygen and UV light therapy are just a few examples of the clutter that has made healthcare look formidable. The truth is that most diseases need simple interventions done at the right time by the right caregivers. In our pursuit of health as the ultimate goal of human welfare, it is time to retain what is essential and discard the wasteful paraphernalia that is making healthcare an expensive novelty. It is time to cut the quantitative clutter in healthcare.

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Today, healthcare is a complex matrix of systems—multiple investigations, imaging, diagnosis and treatment options that may take you into the most convoluted corridors of a hospital. The accuracy of diagnosis and the speed of therapy notwithstanding, it is not an experience that most would like to remember. The rapid growth of this domain has changed its identity from a service to an industry. Healthcare costs are known to push people into poverty. The frontrunners of health are no longer doctors, but doyens of the industry who influence the policies of health in India. With a CAGR of 20%, this is the industry of choice for venture capitalists, software firms and entrepreneurs. The purity of medicine has been replaced by profits. The cost of care has risen correspondingly. Healthcare is too cluttered to be a care-giving entity.

Human clutter was held responsible for the rapid transmission of the Covid-19 virus. Reducing human density was the mantra behind social distancing, quarantine and lockdowns. If decluttering was the way to prevent the spread, cutting the clutter in the core of healthcare could be just as beneficial.

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INDIA'S POPULATION CONUNDRUM

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India's current population is estimated at 1.3 billion. Nearly 17.7% of the world's population lives in India. We are catching up with China whose population is 1.4 billion and has 18.47% of the global population. India is expected to surpass China as the world's most populous nation by 2024. The current population growth rate is 1%, which means India will add over 13 million people this year. In contrast, the death rate is 7.21 per thousand. The Indian birth rate is much higher than the death rate, although the fertility rate has been falling. But it is still a lot more compared to other countries. And the life expectancy is 69.42 years.

In a country where 50 million people live on less than $2 a day and nearly 200 million people are undernourished, the growing population will only make the food security situation worse. Our ambition to transform into a world power will remain only an aspiration if we have such a large population living in poverty. Any photograph of India is full of teeming crowds tightly packed together in a small space or a narrow street or a railway station. This is the image of India in the world.

In the early post-Independence years, family planning was big. Wherever we went, we would see the inverted triangle and messages like "*hum do humare do*" or "a small family is a happy family". Advertisements for Nirodh were everywhere. I was a child in the 1950s, but the message was very clear. Family planning was the main thrust of India's domestic policy. There was no coyness or subtlety. India was the first country in the world to have a government family planning programme.

And then came the Emergency of the 1970s and the sterilisations. Sanjay Gandhi made this his primary policy, earning public anger and hatred. When the Emergency was lifted and Indira Gandhi lost the elections, India went back on family planning with a vengeance. No more ads were seen. The Congress party wanted to disassociate itself from all taint of population control, especially since Muslims believed they were the main target. All family planning ads disappeared overnight. The Ministry of Family Planning became the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the government unit responsible for formulating and executing family planning in India. The Indian government's official approach moved away from contraceptive methods towards enhancing reproductive health and empowering women and families. But this approach was only suitable for educated families. Thus, while education levels went up in the southern states and the population remained stable, the "Bimaru" northern states with their low educational levels saw their populations rising fast.

India does not have a national child policy today. Many local laws in India apply penalties for having more than two children. Local two-child laws in India have been criticised for being unnecessary, violating women's rights and discriminating against minorities. Since no family planning law mentions any caste or religious group, I do not understand why any community should feel they are the target.

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Now Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has unveiled a new population policy for Uttar Pradesh, which, with more than 166 million people, holds the dubious distinction of being India's most populous state. If any state needs a population policy, it is UP and Bihar, the most populous and backward states. The proposed policy aims to increase the accessibility of contraceptive measures. More importantly, it promotes a two-child policy. People who violate it will be debarred from contesting local body elections, applying for government jobs or receiving government subsidies. Arrangements will be made for digital tracking of newborns, adolescents and senior citizens. The CM has promised better care of the elderly and better management of education, health and nutrition of adolescents. However, while every government makes these promises, we will have to see them in action.

Sections of our society, which admired China's one child policy, have suddenly discovered that India's population growth is under control and does not need any disincentives since, they believe, these are aimed at the Muslims. Since the Yogi has not mentioned any caste or community, I wonder how they reached this conclusion. Both Hindus and Muslims are contributing to overpopulation in UP. Till the state's CM came out with his plan, not many believed India's population was under control.

There is no doubt that better educational levels and increasing the marriage age will reduce the number of children in a family. The southern states have proven that. But that is not going to be achieved quickly. By the time the present schoolchildren grow up and start families, it will be too late. Six states—UP, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh—have roughly 40% of India's population and fertility rates higher than the replacement level of 2.1. The Census department has projected the population growth at 12.6% between 2011 and 2021. In the same period, UP's population has grown at 15.6% and Bihar at 18.2%. While it may have come down from the previous decades, it is still unaffordable for a poor country like India. Meanwhile, India will have new problems during delimitation, whereby the states successful in controlling their population will be punished with fewer Parliament seats

There is no doubt India needs some drastic efforts to control the population. While women in most states have been producing fewer children than before, the growth curve has yet to flatten: reducing it is not enough. China's fertility rate had dropped to 1.3 in 2020, while India's was 2.22 in 2018.

Incentives and disincentives are the only way the population can be controlled. Kudos to Yogi Adityanath for this measure. May many other states follow in Uttar Pradesh's footsteps and control their populations too.

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Govt responsible for chaos

There is evidence implicating the government in the Pegasus spying. The Israeli company NSO group has said that its spyware is only sold to governments. Groups like Amnesty International and various media organisations have already released the list of Indians who were likely targeted for spying. The list includes opposition leaders, journalists, social activists and others. It is no wonder that pandemonium prevails, paralysing Parliament.

Manoharan Muthuswamy, Chennai

Don't obstruct Parliament

In a democratic government, the best way to resolve any issue is through talks. Freedom of speech doesn't imply permission to create hullabaloo in the House. The opposition should realise that obstruction of proceedings should always be the last option.

Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Failed even in her state

This is with reference to *Mamata enters national ring* (July 22). The West Bengal chief minister couldn't even maintain law and order in her own state after the elections with her partymen responsible for the violence. So how can she expect support from the nation? She has already shown to the nation her vote bank policy. It is high time leaders understand their role in nation building and not just try to grab power.

HM Chandramouli, Bengaluru

Vision welcome, sustain it

This is with reference to *Building Brand Kerala brick by brick* (July 22). Industries minister Shri Rajeeve's vision to build a Brand Kerala is to be welcomed. But he should be aware that an industrial revolution will not come through either a volley of words or the barrel of a gun; it requires a sustained industrial culture built over a period of time.

Dharmarajan AK, Thalassery

Nehru and the rose

This is with reference to *A rose from history finds rebirth in Nehru* (July 20). The rose, that small lovely flower smiling over the thorn, has always fascinated man from the time Nature started playing upon the lyre of the heart. The poets have clung to its crimson bosom like a lover to their beloved. The blush on its cheek has often tempted poets into a close embrace—an embrace of beauty and imagination. With a mind as sensitive to beauty as those of the poets, Jawaharlal Nehru made the rose a part of himself, carrying it in his buttonhole . The proud rose it was that rode over the heart of a man who was himself a rose of all roses, nay rose of the world.

K Gopakumar Menon, Thrissur

Awareness about equities

In India, only about 3% of the population invests in equities. So people need to be properly educated about the stock market so that more invest in it. This will not only help them but also be useful for the growth of our capital markets and corporate sector.

Aaryan Dinesh Pote, Dharwad

Dynasty repeats mistake

By elevating Navjot Singh Sidhu to the position of Punjab Congress president, the dynasty has repeated its past mistake of underestimating state leaders. Chief Minister Amarinder Singh is the man who brought the Congress to power in Punjab and the dynasty cannot claim any credit. With the Sidhu decision, the Congress once again has shown that it would cut the wings of any person who is more popular than the first family.

Mohandas V K, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Trying to scare and muzzle the truth from surfacing. But like the dead bodies floating in the Ganga, Modi government cannot hide

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
There was a time when fearless reporting was admired, & could intimidate wrongdoers in govts. Now intimidation comes from the govt & dissimulation & defanging are the new watchwords

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
NSO claims it blacklists clients misusing Pegasus to violate human rights. So will it publish those blacklisted so far by chronology ?

Members of a family line up for mandatory Covid-19 tests at Dadar railway station in Mumbai on Thursday | PTI

Centre rules out flaws in Covid death estimation procedure

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AMID controversy over undercounting of Covid-19 deaths, the Centre on Thursday yet reiterated that it has always advised states to conduct death audits in their hospitals and report any cases or deaths that could have been missed.

"India follows ICMR guidelines based on WHO-recommended ICD-10 codes for correct recording of all Covid-19 deaths," the Centre said.

About 4 lakh deaths have been confirmed due to Covid in India so far, but some researchers estimate the actual figure could be between 25-50 lakh.

In a statement, the Union health ministry said there have been reports citing findings from recent studies, in the US and European countries, in which age-specific fatality rates have been used to calculate excess deaths in India based on the seropositivity. The extrapolation of deaths has been done on an "audacious assumption that the likelihood of any given infected person dying is the same across countries, dismissing the interplay between various direct & indirect factors such as race, ethnicity, genomic constitution of a population, previous exposure levels to other disease," it said.

Given the 'robust and statute-based death registration system in India', while some cases could go undetected as per the principles of infectious disease and its management, the Centre said missing out on deaths is unlikely. The Centre cited fatality rate, which on December 31 was 1.45% and after the second wave, is 1.34% now.

COVID TRACKER

4,09,394 Total active cases

2,224 Rise in active cases

17,18,439 Tests on Wednesday

22,77,679 Jabs on Wednesday

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FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE DAY, ACTIVE CASES IN THE COUNTRY REGISTERED AN INCREASE.

1.34% NATIONAL FATALITY RATE

2.41% NATIONAL POSITIVITY RATE

97.35% NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE

Source: Union Health Ministry

BJP says snooping story cooked to demean India

'Fake story created for fake narrative to undermine our institutions'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a spot over media reports of alleged extensive surveillance, BJP on Thursday countered by accusing the Opposition of stalling Parliament on the basis of the "data bank sourced from yellow pages".

Union Minister of State **Meenakshi Lekhi** said the owners of the spyware Pegasus as well as Amnesty International have denied the claims made in the reports. Within minutes, Amnesty International asserted it stands with the Pegasus Project findings. Amnesty International, the human rights group, is associated with the Pegasus Project.

Addressing the media at BJP headquarters, Lekhi said the onus to prove the claims made in the media on surveillance is on Forbidden Stories, which collaborated with multiple media houses to reveal the extent of alleged presence of mobile phone numbers of politicians, journalists, judges, activists and others.

She argued that a "fake story has been created for fake narrative against India to undermine Indian institutions". She said the claims have been made at a time when the Parliament is likely to take up the data protection bill, drafted after extensive deliberations by a joint parliamentary committee. She claimed this has been done with an aim to ensure that the Parliament doesn't enact this bill to protect the privacy of citizens.

She alleged that the "fake" list is like a collection of mobile numbers drawn from yellow pages and those have been used for "yellow journalism". She was referring to news reports about the suspected snooping of people, including politicians and journalists, in India and several countries.

Meanwhile, BJP chief J P Nadda slammed attempts by Opposition MPs to heckle the Union Minister for Information and Technology (IT) Ashwini Vaishnaw, saying that the incident is against democratic values of the country.

Amnesty International said it stands by the findings of the Pegasus Project and that the data is irrefutably linked to potential targets of Israel-based NSO Group's spyware.

Plea seeks probe under Supreme Court

Advocate ML Sharma on Thursday approached Supreme Court seeking a probe into the Pegasus snooping scandal. His plea stated that the matter concerns national security and judicial independence. It seeks directions to form a special investigation team under SC.

Ambani, Dalai Lama's advisors on list: Report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

ANIL Ambani, former CBI chief Alok Verma, Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama's closest advisers were found on the list of potential surveillance targets with the Israeli Pegasus spyware, a website reported on Thursday.

This website was among 17 other media organisations which published reports on Pegasus being used to hack smartphones using malware to be able to extract messages, record calls, and activate microphones. Numbers used by Anil Ambani and another official of the Reliance ADA Group were in the leaked list. The report could not confirm if Ambani was still using the number that he was in 2018, when it was added to the list.

According to the website's analysis, the Tibetan officials were first selected for monitoring in late 2017. The report said inclusion of numbers may not mean that they were infected by Pegasus. This can only be confirmed through forensic analysis. Among those who appear on the list are the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa, Urgyen Trinley Dorji, third highest monk in Tibetan Buddhism, and Dalai Lama's long-term envoy in New Delhi, Tempa Tsering.

Breach of privilege motion moved against minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Thursday moved a breach of privilege motion against the Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar, for allegedly misleading the Parliament over deaths caused by shortage of oxygen during the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Congress MP KC Venugopal moved the notice in response to reply to his question in the upper House, where Pawar on Tuesday said that no state reported such fatalities.

Venugopal in his notice said that the response of the minister is not only wrong but was made deliberately to mislead the House and distort the facts related to deaths due to the lack of the life-saving gas during the second wave. "This amounts to a breach of privilege and contempt of the House and the minister is guilty of contempt," he said.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, during a discussion on Covid-19 in the House, has said that the Centre did not ask the states to suppress fatalities and it only uploaded the data that was provided by the governments of the respective states and Union Territories..

Venugopal said that everyone saw how a huge number of people suffered and died due to an acute shortage of medical oxygen in many parts of the country, including the national capital, and cited what he claimed were examples of deaths caused by a shortage of oxygen.

Referring to a newspaper report, the Congress Rajya Sabha MP said between May 11 and 15, 83 deaths due to acute oxygen shortage were reported at the Goa Medical College. Similar instances were cited by him which reportedly took place in Karnataka and Haryana, where the government ordered investigations into at least 19 deaths due to oxygen shortage between April 5 and May 1. There were similar reports from other parts of the country as well.

MOTION AGAINST DELHI POLICE, TOO

New Delhi: Congress MPs Partap Singh Bajwa and Deepnder Singh Hooda have moved a breach of privilege motion against Delhi Police for stopping them to brief the media at Vijay Chowk. "We are consistently denied the right to speak about the farmers' protest in the Parliament and now have been stopped while briefing the press. This is shocking," said Bajwa. He said that the police told them to seek permission from higher authorities.

Minister Lekhi calls farmers 'hooligans', then retracts

New Delhi: Union minister Meenakshi Lekhi described the agitating farmers as hooligans on Thursday. She termed the agitating farmers "mawali (hooligans)" in reference to an alleged attack on a media person at Jantar Mantar in the national capital. Lekhi later clarified she had made the comment in the context of the January 26 incident at Red Fort when a section of farmers had stormed the monument. Clarifying her stand, she tweeted that her comments were "twisted" and that she withdraws her words if they hurt anyone. At a press conference in the BJP headquarters, when a reporter referred to 'farmers' attacking a cameraperson during their protest at Jantar Mantar, she had said: "You should stop calling them farmers because they are not farmers. They are playing in to the hands of conspirators." Police said the cameraperson was injured after he was allegedly attacked by a freelance journalist at Jantar Mantar, where the farmers are protesting against new farm laws. Reacting to Lekhi's comment, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh demanded her resignation. Slamming the BJP leader for using derogatory language, he said this reflected her party's 'anti-farmer' mindset. He lambasted the NDA government for its efforts to 'suppress' every single voice that dares to speak against them.

The Dainik Bhaskar Group owner's residence in Bhopal during the IT raid | PTI

Raids: Oppn cries witch hunt, govt says no role

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IT raids at the premises of Dainik Bhaskar and Uttar Pradesh-based Hindi news channel Bharat Samachar sparked a fresh political feud on Thursday. Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur said agencies were doing their work without interference from the Centre. But Opposition parties including Congress, AAP, TMC and CPI (M) accused the government of trying to throttle democracy.

Reacting to Congress statements, Thakur said, "Agencies do their own work, we don't interfere in their functioning. I would also like to say that facts need to be found before reporting any incident. Sometimes, lack of information is misleading... One should take complete information and sometimes, many issues come up that are far from the truth."

According to officials, raids are carried out against these media organisations on charges of tax evasion. Both organisations have been critical of the way the Centre handled the Covid-19 pandemic. IT officials went to the offices as well as the residences of some of their promoters.

Leaders from Opposition parties hit out at the government and said it is trying to muzzle free media and targeting news outlets that are critical of the government. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said Dainik Bhaskar bravely reported the way the Prime Minister Modiji mishandled the crisis. "Strongly condemn this vindictive act that aims to suppress voices that bring out the TRUTH. It's a grave violation that undermines the very principles of democracy. Urging everyone in the Media to stay strong," the chief minister said in a tweet.

In a message on its website, Dainik Bhaskar said that they were facing this for putting out the 'true picture of the government's inefficiency before the country during the second wave of COVID-19'.

Foreign secretary on two-day trip to UK

New Delhi: Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla will be on a two-day visit to the UK starting Friday. He will meet his counterparts and review the implementation of the Roadmap 2030. "He will conduct a detailed review of bilateral relations with a focus on the implementation of Roadmap 2030. He will also discuss regional, global issues," Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said. Regional and global issues, including bilateral ties, are likely to be discussed.

India ridicules Pak claim on Af envoy kin abduction

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday slammed Pakistan for dragging the country into a controversy over the abduction of the Afghan envoy's daughter in Islamabad last week. The Ministry of External Affairs termed the incident shocking.

Saying that India was forced to respond after Pakistan Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed had dragged New Delhi into the matter, Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "This is, of course, a very shocking incident. It involves two other countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, and usually we'd not comment on it. However, since the interior minister of Pakistan has dragged India into it, I would only like to say that even by their standards, Pakistan's denial of the victim's account is stooping to a new low."

Ahmed has said that the incident was a 'conspiracy' linked to India's external intelligence agency. "According to our investigation, the incident involving the daughter of the Afghan ambassador is not a case of kidnapping. No man sat in any taxi and according to our investigation, this is not an abduction case. The Afghans and Indians are trying to twist facts. Certain international powers do not want Pakistan and China's friendship (to flourish), and hence, they perpetrated actions such as the Dasu (bus tragedy)," he claimed.

Earlier in the day, Afghanistan expressed deep concern over the Pakistan minister's claims and said such remarks could lead to greater mistrust between the two countries.

You made a promise, now keep it, Delhi HC tells CM Kejriwal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a ruling that could have future implications, the Delhi High Court on Thursday said a promise or assurance made to citizens by a chief minister on a public platform is 'enforceable' and has to be implemented by the government.

Referring to Delhi CM **Arvind Kejriwal's** announcement on March 29 last year in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak that his government would pay the rent of poor tenants unable to pay, Justice Prathiba M Singh directed the AAP government to take a decision on implementing this in six weeks.

"A statement given in a consciously held press conference in the background of the lockdown, announced due to the pandemic and the mass exodus of migrant labourers, cannot be simply overlooked," the court said, adding it was not clear why the AAP government chose to completely disregard the promise made by its CM.

The judgment came on a bunch of petitions filed by daily wagers and workers claiming to be tenants and a landlord who had not received the rent. Seeking payment of rent, as promised by Kejriwal, they annexed a transcript of press conference in which the CM had requested landlords to postpone collection of rent from poverty stricken tenants. He had also said if any tenant was unable to pay, the government would pay the rent on his behalf.

The Delhi government counsel submitted that unless and until there is a government policy or notification, a mere promise or political statement cannot be the basis of a claim based on the doctrine of legitimate expectation.

The judge, however, disagreed and said, "In a democratic setup, persons who hold an elected office and especially heads of government, heads of State and those holding responsible positions, are expected to make responsible assurances to their citizens, especially in times of crisis and distress."

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE MUST, NO PARALLEL LEGAL SYSTEM: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DISTRICT judiciary being the first line of defence of citizens who have been wronged, its independence is cardinal to the administration of justice, the Supreme Court said on Thursday, while pulling up Madhya Pradesh government and police for attempting to shield the husband of a Bahujan Samaj Party MLA, accused of murdering a Congress leader.

The colonial mindset towards district judiciary needs to change if the faith of citizens is to be preserved, a bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Hrishikesh Roy observed, as the trial judge had alleged that he was being subject to political pressure.

The top court said trial court judges work amidst appalling conditions, lack of infrastructure, inadequate protection and there are examples of judges being made targets when they stand up for what is right.

Cancelling the bail granted to the MLA Rambai Singh's husband, Govind Singh, by Madhya Pradesh High Court in the murder case of Devendra Chourasia, the top court said judiciary should be immune from political pressures and considerations.

"There cannot be two parallel legal systems, one for the rich and resourceful and those who wield political power and the other for 'small men' without resources and capabilities to access justice, the SC said. "The existence of a dual system will only chip away the legitimacy of the law," it added.

Pronouncing the judgment on the plea of Chourasia's son Somesh, the bench said the high court misapplied legal principles and committed a grievous error in granting bail to the accused.

Observing that an effort was made to shield the accused from administration of justice, the apex court directed transfer of Govind Singh to another jail under directions of the DGP to ensure fair proceedings.

The bench reprimanded the police for "failure" to complete the investigation of the murder. The accused evaded arrest despite issuance of warrants and the intervention by the top court, and the state provided security to him because his wife happened to be an MLA, the court noted. The bench asked the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh HC to conduct an inquiry into the sessions judge's allegation of political pressure.

TERRORISTS CHARGESHEETED

The National Investigation Agency on Thursday filed a charge sheet at a special court in Imphal against two terrorists of the Manipur-based militant group United National Liberation Front in a case of attacking two security forces in the state

13 TYPES OF FRUIT TREES PLANTED ALONG MUMBAI-NAGPUR E-WAY

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	27	Mumbai	29	27
Bhopal	28	23	Panaji	26	23
Jaipur	32	26	Patna	34	27
Amritsar	30	26	Lucknow	32	26
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	31	24
Kolkata	32	28	Imphal	30	21
Srinagar	24	17	Chandigarh	31	26

Setback to Anil Deshmukh as Bombay HC refuses to quash FIR

Court dismisses former Maha minister's claim he did not commit actual offence, says his acts could not be classified as mere preparation to extort money

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IN a blow to former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh, the Bombay High Court on Thursday refused to quash the Central Bureau of Investigation's FIR against him in a corruption case.

The CBI had registered an FIR against Deshmukh on April 21 under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act and Section 120 B of the IPC for attempting to obtain undue advantage for the improper and dishonest performance of public duty.

The FIR was backed by the Bombay High Court order directing the agency to conduct a Preliminary Enquiry into allegations that Deshmukh asked Assistant Police Inspector Sachin Waze to collect ₹100 crore per month from bars in Mumbai.

Deshmukh's counsel, senior advocate Amit Desai, had argued in the HC that even if the charges in the FIR were to be taken at face value, it would show that the NCP leader was "merely making preparations to extort money".

The bench, however, said, "A faint attempt was made to draw home the point that, even if the allegations in the FIR are taken at their face value, they would, at best, indicate preparation to extort money and nothing beyond that."

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> Bombay High Court

"A bare perusal of the complaint (registered at Mumbai's Malabar hill police station) and the letter of Mr Param Bir Singh (IPS officer) annexed thereto, would prima facie indicate that the petitioner (Deshmukh) allegedly identified the source from which the funds were to be collected, the probable number of such units, and the amount to be collected from each of them," the HC said.

These alleged acts, therefore, could not be classified as mere preparation, the bench said.

The inquiry against Deshmukh was initiated on the basis of a complaint lodged by lawyer Jaishri Patil in the aftermath of allegations of corruption leveled by former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh.

A division bench of Justices S S Shinde and N J Jamadar reserved for orders Deshmukh's petition seeking quashing of the FIR on July 12.

Param Bir Singh accused of extortion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mumbai

AN FIR was filed against former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh, five senior police officers and two others on charges of extortion, cheating and fraud.

According to the FIR, Param Bir Singh and his close associates demanded ₹15 crore from a builder to withdraw cases against him in Thane.

The case was registered based on the complaint filed by the builder. Two of the builder's partners, Sunil Jain and Sanjay Punamia, have been arrested in connection with the case. According to the complaint, Jain and Punamia had conspired with the police officials and demanded ₹15 crore from the builder to withdraw some cases against him.

The complainant has submitted 4.5 hours of phone recording in which Param Bir Singh and senior police officers were heard demanding the amount to withdraw the case.

They threatened that various actions will be taken by the central probe agencies if their demands are not met.

Param Bir Singh had accused former Mahasrashtra minister Anil Deshmukh of asking police officer Sachin Waze to collect ₹100 crore per month from bars operating in Mumbai.

He was removed from the post of Mumbai police commissioner and was made the

Director General of Home Guard in March this year after former police officer Sachin Waze was arrested in connection with the case involving an explosive-laden vehicle found near the residence of billionaire Mukesh Ambani in Mumbai.

WAR GAMES IN THE BAY

The UK's Carrier Strike Group led by HMS Queen Elizabeth aircraft carrier (front) with an Indian Shivalik Multi-role Frigate (second from front) during the joint maritime exercise in the Bay of Bengal | PTI

EXPRESS READ

Girl beaten to death in UP for wearing jeans

Deoria: A teenaged girl died after she was allegedly thrashed by her family members over her insistence to wear jeans at a village here, police said on Thursday. Family members have also been accused of trying to dispose of the body by throwing it from over the Patanwa bridge on the Deoria-Kasya here but it got stuck in its railing and was spotted by police later. The 17-year-old Neha Paswan from Savreji Kharg village was severely thrashed by her family members after she insisted on wearing jeans on Monday. According to the complaint given by her mother, the girl received serious head injuries when she was beaten up.

First arrest made in Kumbh fake Covid testing scam

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THE first arrest has been made in connection with the fake Covid testing scam that surfaced during the 2021 Kumbh Mela.

"A man has been arrested in connection with the fake testing in Kumbh. The investigation of the SIT is also going on," Santhil Avoodai Krishna Raj S, senior superintendent of police, Haridwar district said.

During Kumbh, the Uttarakhand government had authoritised 11 labaoratories to carry out Covid testing of those visiting Kumbh Mela. One of the laboratories selected had in turn selected two others—Nalwa Labs and Dr Lalchandani Labs. These two labs are under probe over irregularities in over 1 lakh Covid tests conducted by them.

The man named Ashish Nalwa, a resident of Haryana, was arrested on Saturday. He is accused of arranging 'manpower' for Nalwa Laboratories Private Limited.

Earlier this month, the SIT added Section 467 (Forgery of valuable security, will, etc) to the FIR registered against a firm and two laboratories accused of irregularities in Covid-19 testing in Kumbh in Haridwar. A case was registered last month under sections of the Epidemic Act, 1897, Disaster Management Act, 2005, IPC 420 (forgery), 468(forgery), 471(fraudulently using as genuine any document or electronic record), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and other provisions.

After the alleged scam surfaced, the district administration formed a three-member committee that included the chief development officer. This was followed by the constitution of a special investigation team (SIT) by the district police to probe the matter.

Experts urge calm as India records first bird flu death

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AN 11-year-old boy from Gurugram became the first human to die after contracting bird flu in India.

The boy had died ten days ago, prompting the Centre to launch an epidemiological investigation. The boy, who was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia—a type of blood cancer—in June, had developed fever, cough and breathing difficulties, soon after he was given induction therapy to treat the cancer.

He was subsequently admitted to the AIIMS, Delhi on July 2. He died 10 days later of multi-organ failure.

It was after the death that the National Institute of Virology confirmed that he was suffering from bird flu. Soon the National Centre for Disease Control, which runs the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, started contact tracing.

Virologists have said there is no need to panic as human-to-human transmission of this flu is extremely unlikely.

The Union health ministry said the team of doctors and nurses who treated the boy have been under observation since July 16. So far, none of them have developed influenza-like symptoms.

Virus experts meanwhile pointed out that this is an isolated case, possibly caused by very close contact with birds, possibly chicken or ducks. "Bird flu does not spread well at all from human to human. And there is a biological reason for it," said senior virologist Shahid Jameel, who is also director with the Trivedi School of Biosciences at the Ashoka University. "So, I am not worried based on one case, but let's keep an eye out for more cases."

Amarinder climbs down, to be at Sidhu's event

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE political storm that engulfed the Punjab Congress appeared to have calmed on Thursday after the state's Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh agreed to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the newly-appointed state Congress President Navjot Singh Sidhu.

Till Wednesday, Amarinder had maintained that he will not meet Sidhu till he tendered a public apology for his offensive tweets and statements against him.

According to sources, Amarinder has accepted the invitation by Sidhu. The softening of stance by Amarinder comes following an intervention by the party high command and AICC-General Secretary and Punjab affairs in-charge Harish Rawat. According to sources, Amarinder has called Congress MLAs and senior functionaries for a *'chai pe charcha'* on Friday morning at the Punjab Bhavan. From there, they will go and attend Sidhu's swearing-in function. The invitation is the first attempt by Sidhu to reach out to Amarinder.

Meanwhile, attacking the Congress, the Shiromani Akali Dal said the party high command had accepted that the Punjab government failed miserably. It is now trying to improve its image by bringing about a change, they said.

"Sidhu was part and parcel of the non-performing Congress government. He was a minister in the government for half of its term. He should first admit his failure to do anything for the people," SAD spokesman Dr Daljit Cheema said.

Unprecedented flooding as rains lash Maharashtra

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@Mumbai

HEAVY rains have lashed Mumbai and parts of western Maharashtra since Wednesday night, causing floods in several low-lying areas.

Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray held an emergency meeting on Thursday morning to review the situation. He has asked local authorities to swiftly rescue those trapped inside their houses due to heavy flooding. "People who are trapped should be shifted to safer locations. Besides, all possible help should be extended to them," Thackeray said.

Shiv Sena MP from Konkan Vinayak Raut said the region witnessed unprecedented flooding. "We have never seen such levels of flooding. There are more than 5 ft of water on the roads. The damage to property is huge. Maharashtra government is extending all possible help to those who are trapped and all those affected," Raut said. Vijay Wadettiwar, Cabinet Minister Relief & Rehabilitation rushed to the affected areas. "The situation was grim. However, it is under control now. All local authorities are on high alert. The police, coast guard, fire brigade and the local residents are helping to rescue the people who are trapped. The water has started receding. Once the situation is normal, the extend of damage will be assessed," the minister said.

Firefighters rescue those trapped due to flooding in Kolhapur on Thursday | PTI

The downpour has led to multiple incidents of boulder fall, track washout, mudslide and water logging on Titwala-Igatpuri and Ambernath-Lonavala sections. The services between Titwala and Igatpuri were restored from Thursday afternoon. Those in the Badlapur-Lonavala and Karjat-Khopoli sections remained suspended after 18 hours as the track between Badlapur and Karjat was not fully restored, the Central Railways said.

GREEN PATHSALA

For 18 saplings, this Bihar institute will prep you for public service exams

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

HAVE you ever heard of a school that accepts saplings as fees from students?

In Bihar's Samastipur district, one such school named 'Green- Pathshala' is being run by a youth since 2008.

Thirty-three year old Rajesh Kumar Suman's centre provides coaching for aspirants of various government services exams with the help of educated volunteers, at Rosara in Samastipur district of Bihar.

Known as tree man and the Paudhabala Guruji, Kumar charges 18 saplings as fee from each of the students.

Driven by an urge to promote plantations of trees across the state, Suman started this unique school under the Binod Smriti Study Club, set up in memory of his (late) *mama* (mother's brother),who encouraged him to serve the poor by imparting education.

Rajesh Kumar Suman (L) with students at his coaching centre

"The aspirants of various competitive examinations for govt jobs are given free preparatory coaching during morning and evening sessions at Green-Pathshala. Behind taking 18 saplings in fee has also a scientific logic. One person inhales as much oxygen throughout his/her life as 18 plants generate. So, we charge 18 saplings as fees, which are then planted in various places," he said.

On Sunday, when there is no coaching, Rajesh tours across the state to encourage people to plant more saplings.

"Since 2008, more than 5,000 students have been coached for various competitive examinations at this Green-Pathshala. Recently, 13 students, including three women, cleared the Bihar police examination and have become sub-inspectors," he said.

Close to 40% of students studying at the centre are female. Since the start, more than 90,000 saplings collected from students have been planted.

NGT seeks status report on CNG pipeline project

The Eastern Zonal Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has asked the state government to submit a status report on the project to bring environment-friendly Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to Kolkata ad other parts of the state. The bench, comprising Justice Amit Sthalekar and expert member Saibal Dasgupta, also asked the state to bring on record, the district-wise action plan to lay CNG pipelines. Earlier, the tribunal had only stressed on transporting CNG to Kolkata and Howrah. Three other states involved in the 858-km pipeline project—Uttar Pradesh Bihar and Jharkhand—have already completed the process of land acquisition.

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KOLKATA DIARY

Entry to West Bengal from Assam restricted

West Bengal health department has ordered the administrations of Alipurduar and Cooch Behar districts, which share borders with Assam, to impose restrictions on the entry of people from the neighbouring state because of a surge in Covid cases there. People from Assam, who wish to enter West Bengal from Assam, has to be either fully vaccinated or will have to show an RT-PCR negative report issued not more than 72 hours ahead of his or her travel. Health department has deployed its staff in the two districts to ensure that the guidelines are properly followed. "Strict vigil is being observed in the border check-points. It is mandatory to meet the requirements to enter West Bengal," an official of the state health department.

NIT Durgapur allows students to return

NIT Durgapur is now allowing research scholars who have taken both doses of Covid vaccine to return to the campus. They must give an undertaking stating that they have taken both doses of a vaccine. The undertaking must contain the dates when the doses were administred. A notice issued by the institute said all wiling PhD scholars/project staff who have been vaccinated with both the first and and the second doses may be allowed to come to the institute/ hostel on August 1, subject to recommendations from their supervisor or the head of the department.

IIT-Kharagpur to let 900 scholars work in campus

The Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur has fixed a cap on the number of research scholars allowed on the campus, in light of the Covid situation. Officials said a maximum of 900 research scholars will be allowed inside the campus at a time. As and when scholars complete their research and leave, more will be called in, an official said. The institute has more than 3,500 research scholars. As of now, the research scholars who were staying in the campus are the ones who will be permitted to return to the institute.

21
people were killed and 80 injured after rival gangs of inmates clashed in two prisons in Ecuador on Thursday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	31	22	LC	Los Angeles	31	19	SNY
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	11	7	LC
Dhaka	30	26	TDS	Moscow	23	13	HR
Dubai	42	35	SNY	New York	29	19	SNY
Houston	34	25	TDS	Singapore	31	27	TDS
Istanbul	28	21	LC	Toronto	25	19	SNY
London	24	16	LC	Washington	31	20	LC

Covid: China rejects WHO's plan to revisit Wuhan lab leak theory

Says WHO's work plan compromised by political manipulation, disrespect of scientific facts

BEIJING

CHINA will not participate in the second phase of WHO's investigation into the origins of the Covid pandemic, a top official announced on Thursday, after the possibility of the virus leaking from a bio lab in Wuhan was included by the UN's top health agency in the next stage of its inquiry. China also dismissed reports that some of the employees of the Wuhan Institute of Virology were infected with the virus before it spread to the central Chinese city and the world, killing over 40 lakh people.

China will not follow the World Health Organisation's suggested plan on the second phase of Covid origin-tracing, Zeng Yixin, the vice minister of the National Health Commission (NHC), told reporters here. The work plan on the second-phase origins study proposed by the WHO contains language that does not respect science, he said.

China's broadside against the WHO and its Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who previously won Beijing's praise and support for praising President Xi Jinping's handling of the coronavirus, came after he asked China to be transparent and provide raw data.

"Asking China to be transparent, open and cooperate, especially on the information, raw data that we asked for at the early days of the pandemic. We owe it to the millions who suffered and the millions who died to know what happened," Tedros had said.

A medical worker collecting a sample of a nucleic acid test for detecting coronavirus in Nanjing, in Jiangsu province, China | AFP FILE

Campaign to prevent probe

China has mounted a massive campaign at home and abroad to avert any move to facilitate international investigators to probe Covid origin in Wuhan. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian recently said that 55 countries have written to Tedros opposing the politicisation of the virus origin issue.

More than four million people have died worldwide since the start of the pandemic in December 2019 and WHO has faced growing pressure to further investigate the origins of the virus. Ghebreyesus outlined the terms of the inquiry's next phase. This included looking at certain science research institutions. He has now called on China to be more co-operative about the early stages of the outbreak.

Zeng said the plan has listed the hypothesis that China had violated lab regulations and leaked the virus as one of the major research objectives, and he was very shocked after reading the proposal, state-run China Daily reported.

Instead, the next-phase origin tracing should focus on various regions and countries, he said, reiterating Beijing's claim that Covid broke out in several places in the world and China was the first to report about it in December, 2019 when it emerged in Wuhan. Zeng said he was shocked by the WHO's work plan as it has been compromised by political manipulation and disrespect of scientific facts.

He said China had allowed the WHO experts to visit all places they wanted to go and meet all people they wanted to see early this year, adding that the results of the WHO-China joint study are able to stand the test of time.

"We hope the WHO can carefully consider the advice by Chinese scientists, take investigating the origin of Covid as a scientific question free from political interference, and properly conduct sustained investigations into the origin of the virus in various countries across the world," he said.

Zeng also dismissed reports that three employees of the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), from where the US alleges the virus may have been leaked, fell sick shortly before the first documented cases of Covid. *PTI*

China floods death toll rises to 33

BEIJING

DEATH toll in central China's flash floods triggered after the heaviest rainfall in 1,000 years has reached 33 with eight people missing, officials said on Thursday.

The torrential rain has affected about three million people in Henan province and 3,76,000 local residents have been relocated to safe places, the provincial emergency management department said. Rainwater has damaged more than 215,200 hectares of crops, causing a direct economic loss of about 1.22 billion yuan (about $188.6 million).

The massive floods has resulted in apocalyptic scenes in Henan and its provincial capital Zhengzhou. *PTI*

Heavy rain likely in Germany's flooded areas

Bonn: Germany's DWD weather service on Thursday said regions hit by deadly floods last week could see more heavy rain this weekend. It said localized storms were likely from midday Saturday, expanding to large parts of Rhineland-Palatinate state later in the day. Officials said the death toll from last week's floods in the western state had risen to 128. AP

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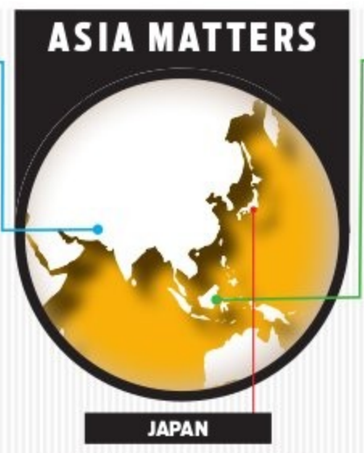

PAKISTAN

14 killed, 26 injured in rain-related incidents

Peshawar: At least 14 people were killed and 26 injured in rain-related incidents in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in the last 24 hours. The Provincial Disasters Management Authority (PDMA) said incessant monsoon rain stuck various parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, inundated low lying areas in Dera Ismail Khan, Hazara and Malakand divisions and resulted in complete damage of four houses and partial damage of 21 others. "Houses were damaged due to continuous monsoon rain resulting in the death of 14 people and injuries to 26 others in the last one day," a senior official from the PDMA said. The respective district administrations in the province have geared up relief and rescue activities in areas affected by the rain. PTI

JAPAN

Govt to boost use of renewable energy

Tokyo: Japan aims to drastically increase its renewable energy use and reduce fossil fuel consumption over the next decade as its pushes to meet its ambitious emissions reduction target, according to a draft of a new energy plan presented Wednesday. The draft, however, maintains the current target for nuclear energy as officials remain undecided over what to do with the nuclear industry, which has struggled since the 2011 Fukushima power plant disaster. AP

INDONESIA

Covid patient boards flight disguised as wife

Ternate: An Covid-infected Indonesian boarded a domestic flight disguised as his wife, wearing a niqab covering his face and carrying fake IDs and a negative PCR test result. However, his cover was blown after a flight attendant aboard the plane, traveling from Jakarta to Ternate in North Maluku province, noticed him change the clothes in the lavatory, said the police. "He bought the ticket with his wife's name and brought the identity card, the PCR test result and the vaccination card with his wife's name. All documents are under his wife's name," Ternate police chief Aditya Laksimada said after arresting the man upon landing. He was only identified by his initials. Police took him for a Covid test, which came back positive. He currently self-isolating at home. AP

EXPRESS READ

Nod for Zuma to attend brother's funeral

Johannesburg: Jailed former South African president Jacob Zuma was granted compassionate leave on Thursday to attend his brother's funeral. Zuma arrived at his late brother Michael Zuma's residence under security escort to attend the latter's funeral. Michael died on Sunday after battling an undisclosed illness for seven years. PTI

Syrian govt shells kill 7 of same family

Beirut: Syrian government artillery shells struck a village in the last rebel enclave in the country on Thursday, killing seven members of the same family, including four children, rescue workers said. The shelling is part of an ongoing military escalation in the area in northwestern Syria, which had been under a cease-fire sponsored by Russia and Turkey since last year. AP

Violence flares in Haiti ahead of slain prez's funeral

QUARTER-MORIN (HAITI)

HUNDREDS of workers fled businesses in northern Haiti after demonstrations near the hometown of assassinated President Jovenel Moise grew violent ahead of his funeral.

Journalists observed the body of one man on Wednesday who witnesses said was shot in the community of Quartier-Morin, which is near Trou-du-Nord, where Moise grew up. Roadblocks were set up between the two communities, temporarily barring cars from entering or leaving as two plumes of thick, black smoke rose nearby.

Many workers walked hurriedly in a single file along the main road that connects Quartier-Morin with Cap-Haitien, the city where events to honour Moise were scheduled to start on Thursday ahead of Friday's funeral.

Fleeing people said they saw burning tyres and men with weapons demanding justice for Moise. One woman who was out of breath said the armed men told her, "Go! Go! Go!" as employees clad in uniforms of all colours obeyed and left the area.

Abnel Pierre, who works at the Caracol Industrial Park, said he was forced to walk 45 minutes home because the bus that transports employees was stuck behind blockades.

These were the first violent demonstrations since Moise was shot to death at his private home. They came a day after Ariel Henry was sworn in the country's new prime minister, pledging to form a provisional consensus government and to restore order and security.

In Port-au-Prince, Martine Moise, widow of the slain president, made her first public appearance since her surprise return to Haiti on Saturday. She had been recuperating at a hospital in Miami after she was wounded in the June 7 attack at the couple's private home. She met with officials near the National Pantheon Museum, where ceremonies are being held to commemorate her husband.

Authorities have said at least 26 suspects have been detained as part of the investigation into the assassination, including 18 former Colombian soldiers and three Haitian police officers. At least seven high-ranking police officers have been placed in isolation, but not formally arrested. *AP*

Haiti's First Lady Martine Moise attends a tribute for her late husband, President Jovenel Moise, at the National Pantheon Museum in Port-au-Prince | AP/PTI

Hong Kong cops arrest 5 trade union members on sedition charges

HONG KONG

HONG Kong police on Thursday arrested five trade union members over children's books they described as seditious, and a court denied bail for four editors and journalists held on charges of endangering national security, as part of a widening crackdown on dissent in the city.

The five who were arrested are members of the General Association of Hong Kong Speech Therapists, according to local media reports.

The association published three children's books that Li Kwai-wah, a senior superintendent of the national security department, said have seditious intent.

The books feature stories that revolve around a village of sheep that has to deal with wolves from a different village. The sheep take action like going on strike or escaping by boat, according to the synopses published on the association's website. Li said the stories referenced the 12 Hong Kong activists who were arrested at sea while trying to flee the city, after most of them were charged in connection with massive anti-government protests in 2019.

There was also a story about wolves who are 'cruel and try to occupy the area' where the sheep live, and try to kill them, Li said.

"Of course, when we prosecute the case, we are not the one to prove that these materials have actually caused the inciting to others," said Li. "And the children, maybe because of the information inside ... can turn their mind and develop a moral standard against the society." The 2019 rallies calling for more civil rights and universal suffrage shook Hong Kong for months, often descending into violence between police and protesters. Beijing responded last year with a sweeping national security law that critics say restricts freedoms promised to the former British colony that are not found on mainland China.

The publishing of such books brings hatred against the government and administration of justice, and (incites) violence to others, Li said. He added that the books targeted children between the ages of 4 and 7.

Police said they also froze 160,000 Hong Kong dollars ($20,600) in assets linked to the union.

On Thursday, a Hong Kong court denied bail to four top editors and journalists from the now-defunct Apple Daily pro-democracy newspaper. They were arrested Wednesday on charges of conspiracy to collude with foreign powers to endanger national security. *AP*

A hooded suspect is accompanied by a police officer to search evidence at office in Hong Kong on Thursday | AP/PTI

Syria accuses Israel of carrying out airstrike

DAMASCUS

SYRIA accused Israel of carrying out an airstrike in a central province early on Thursday, the second such attack in as many days. The aerial attack caused material damage, it said. The country's state news agency quoted an unidentified Syrian military official as saying the air defence systems shot down most of the missiles in the attack in the region of Qusier in Homs province. The report did not say what was targeted. There was no immediate comment from Israel.

Neighbouring Lebanon's president, Michel Aoun, urged his foreign minister to protest with the UN the use of Lebanese airspace to carry out attacks on Syria. Lebanese media reported that a rocket fell inside Lebanon in Lahfed, a village in the north, on Thursday, causing a large crater.

Israel has launched hundreds of strikes against Iran-linked military targets in war-ravaged Syria over the years but rarely acknowledges or discusses such operations. Late Monday, Syria reported an Israeli airstrike near northern Aleppo province, but did not elaborate.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitor that has activists on the ground in Syria, said Monday's strikes targeted weapons depots belonging to Iranian-backed militiamen operating in Aleppo's Safira region. The group also confirmed Thursday's strikes, saying they destroyed ammunition and weapons depots belonging to the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group in Homs. The Iran-backed group has been operating in Syria for years, siding with President Bashar Assad's forces in the devastating civil war and helping the government reclaim most of the country.

Separately, the Israeli military said it detained two people after they were seen crossing from south Lebanon into Israeli territory. In a statement, it said the suspects were detained after an extensive search of the border area. Following initial questioning at the scene, the two appear to be job seekers, it added. *AP*

Representational pic

17 migrants from Bangladesh drown, 166 others rescued off Tunisian coast

TUNIS

AT least 17 migrants from Bangladesh drowned and more than 300 were rescued by Tunisian and Libyan naval units after their boat sank in the Mediterranean, according to aid groups Thursday.

Survivors said all those who died had been in the hold of the boat because they had paid smugglers less than others, and were suffocated by smoke when the engine caught fire, according to Mongi Slim, head of the Tunisian Red Crescent. There has been a spike in crossings and attempted migrant boat crossings to Europe from Libya in recent months.

The boat initially had around 400 migrants on board, 200 of whom were picked up by units of the Libyan navy, Slim said.

Tunisian naval units retrieved 17 bodies and rescued 166 migrants, including others from Bangladesh as well as people from Morocco, Egypt, Syria and Ivory Coast, he said. The boat left last Monday night off the coast of Zouara, Libya, with the aim of reaching Europe, and sank off the Tunisian port of Zarzis, Slim said.

Libya's coast guard intercepted Wednesday four boats in the Mediterranean Sea carrying migrants trying to reach Europe, a UN official said. The migrants said 20 people from one of the vessels had gone overboard earlier in the day and were presumed to have drowned.

Earlier this week, the Tunisian coast guard thwarted eight illegal migration attempts and arrested 130 migrants. *AP*

BLAST IN GAZA STRIP'S MARKET KILLS 1, INJURES 10

GAZA CITY

AN explosion tore through a house in a popular market in the Gaza Strip on Thursday, killing one person and wounding 10, the Palestinian territory's interior ministry said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the explosion.

The blast in the Al-Zawiya area collapsed large parts of the house and damaged dozens of buildings and shops nearby, according to the statement. Explosives engineering teams were investigating; civil defense teams and the police were able to control the ensuing fire. The blast shook the neighbourhood on the third day of Eid al Adha.

The Israeli army signalled it wasn't involved, calling the explosion an internal matter in Gaza.Gaza City is already struggling with heavy damage sustained from an 11-day war in May between Israel and Gaza's militant Hamas rulers.

Palestinian rescuers and security personnel work at the scene of an explosion in the Al-Zawiya market area of Gaza City | AP/PTI

At least 254 people were killed in Gaza during the conflict, including 67 children and 39 women, according to the Gaza health ministry. Hamas has acknowledged the deaths of 80 militants. Twelve civilians were killed in Israel, along with one soldier.

The World Bank earlier this month said rebuilding Gaza would cost $485 million, including up to $380 million to repair the physical damage alone. *AP*

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION)

TENDER NOTICE

e-tender is invited for the supply of following item.

(1) 71360 - Annual purchase of Copper Conductor Cables in various sizes and colours,

RE-INVITED E-TENDERS

(2) 70834, (3) 70844 (Corrigendum), (4) 70983,

Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**

PRO/AAM(M)/45/2021 **GENERAL MANAGER**

KARNATAKA STATE COIR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
SF-4 & SF-5, Sterling Towers (Garment Complex), KSSIDC Industrial Estate, Rajajinagar, Banglaore-560010
Ph: 080 - 23105866 / 23105865

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT PORTAL)

Tender invited for Supply & Services : 1. Coir and Coir Products 2. Raw Materials for Rubberised Coir Mattresses and Pillows, 3. Coir Furniture and 4. Stitching Work for Rubberised Coir Mattresses & Pillows. The tender details will also be available in KSCDC website:www.karnatakacoir.co.in. For more information, logon to https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Helpdesk: 080-25501216/227.

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR
K.S.C.D.C. LTD.

Date: 22.07.2021

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Gokul Extension Branch,
No.361/1089, H M T Main Road,
Gokula Extension 1st Stage, 2nd Phase,
Bengaluru – 560054. Tel No.080-23370695, Fax : 080-23375410.

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)
A/c. No. HTL 56338034475, OD 56347005975

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notices dated: **10.11.2020** calling upon the borrower: **Sri.S.Umapathi** S/o.M.Subramanya to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.27,86,844/-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Four only) as on 09.11.2020 with interest & expenses there on within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **19.07.2021.**

The The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an aggregate amount of **Rs.29,67,839/-** (**Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine only**) as on **08.06.2021** + interest + expenses thereon.

The borrower's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No.01, in the 5th Stage of he private layout formed by Kirloskar Company Employees Housing Building Co-operative Society Ltd. (Regd.)in Sy.No.13, situated at Shidedahalli Village, YeshwanthpurHobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, admeasuring East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 40 feet in all 1200 sq.ft and building thereon standing in the name of Sri.S.Umapathi vide Sale Deed dated 08.06.2001 and registered as Doc.No.3259/2001-02 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Bengaluru North Taluk and bounded on : East by : Private property, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by: Site No.2.

Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
STATE BANK OF INDIA
(Credit Management, RBO III, AO-03)
K G Road, Bengaluru

Place:Bengaluru
Date: 19.07.2021

National Health Mission
Karnataka State Health & Family Welfare Society
Arogya Soudha, 1st Floor, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023
Ph: 080-22870224, email: pdrch-hfws@karnataka.gov.in

No.: DD(MH)/96/2020-21 **Date : 22.07.2021**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement)
For Printing and Supply of Case Sheet for Maternity Services-L3 Facility

National Health Mission invites tender from Printers with necessary documents for Printing and Supply of Case Sheet for Maternity Services - L3 Facility under Maternal Health Program. **Estimated Cost: Rs.6,60,000/-.**

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The tender document can be downloaded through **"e-procurement portal"** from **23.07.2021 at 11:00 AM.** onwards and last date for receipt of tender is **31.07.2021 on or before 5.30 PM.**

Further details can be obtained from the undersigned during the office hours from **11:00 AM to 5:30 PM.**

Sd/-
Project Director (RCH)

DIPR/DDU/YC/904/2021-22

COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

Bamul — ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಉತ್ಪಾದಕರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿ.,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಡೇರಿ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣ, ಡಾ॥ಎಂ.ಹೆಚ್.ಮರೀಗೌಡ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಡಿ.ಆರ್.ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಅಂಚೆ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 029 **Website: www.bamulnandini.coop**

ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಡೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಡೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ವಿವಿಧ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ತುಂಡು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ / ಸೇವಾ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ದ್ವೈ-ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮಾನವ ಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವ / ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ESI & ಇಕಿಈ ಕೋಡ್ ನಂ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಸರುಕು ಮತ್ತು ಸೇವಾ ತೆರಿಗೆ, ಆದಾಯ ತೆರಿಗೆ ನೊಂದಣಿಯಾದ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಪರವಾನಗಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು E-procurement Portal of Karnataka ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೆಲಸಕಾರ್ಯಗಳ ವಿವರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸಕಾರ್ಯಗಳ ವಿವರ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳು
1.	ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಡೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಡೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ರವಾನೆ ಕೆಲಸಕಾರ್ಯಗಳು	BAMUL/ADMN-5/2/ TENDER/2021-22
2.	ಒಕ್ಕೂಟದ ಮೆಗಾ ಡೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲು, ಮೊಸರು ಮತ್ತು ಹಾಲಿನ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನಗಳ ಪ್ಯಾಕಿಂಗ್ ಕೆಲಸಕಾರ್ಯಗಳು	BAMUL/ADMN-5/3/ TENDER/2021-22

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾ ಪಟ್ಟಿ

1	ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು (Access to E-Tender) ಲಭ್ಯತೆ.	ದಿನಾಂಕ 23.07.2021 ರಿಂದ 23.08.2021 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
2	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಸ್ವೀಕರಣ ಕೋರಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	16.08.2021 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
3	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	23.08.2021 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
4	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್(ಭಾಗ-1) ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ/ಸಮಯ	ದಿನಾಂಕ 25.08.2021 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ
5	ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್(ಭಾಗ-2) ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ/ಸಮಯ	ದಿನಾಂಕ 26.08.2021 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ
6	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ	ಮಂಡಲಿ ಸಭಾಂಗಣ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿ., ಡಾ:ಎಂ.ಹೆಚ್.ಮರೀಗೌಡ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 029.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು / ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-
ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಸಹಕಾರ ಹಾಲು ಒಕ್ಕೂಟ ನಿ.,

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Electrical Division, Bangalore-560 001

The Executive Engineer PWD Electrical Division, Bangalore invites Short Term tender from The Tenderer as a Prime Contractor having valid Electrical License Class-1 issued by Electrical Inspectorate, Govt. of Karnataka for Shifting of LT/HT Line and 1 x 100 KVA Dtc 1 x 25 KVA Dtc from Rajanahalli Gate of Haraganahalli Village to Rajanahalli Valmiki Mata in Harihara Taluk. KPWD/ 2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT137971/CALL-2 Tender's Second Call for Amount Rs.21.69 Lakhs. As per KW-2, STD Conditions. The details may be seen and Downloaded at web site: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Downloading from Dt: 17-07-2021 to 26-07-2021 up to 16:00 Hours. Submitted online in e-Procurement Portal on 27-07-2021 before 16:00 Hours. Further details contact under signed office at working Hours.

Sd/- Sd/Executive Engineer (Ele)
PWD Electrical Division Bangalore-01

DIPR/smg/No.107/07/mca/21-22

Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development, Division, Shimoga.

SECTION 1 - INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS KW-4

IFT No:05/2021-22 **Dated: 15.07.2021**

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development Division, Shimoga invites tenders in Standard Bid Document K/W-4 through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from eligible contractors for Construction of 317.00 m Flood Protection wall in the right bank of Tunga river near Mathur village in Shivamogga taluk Shivamogga district. amounting from Rs. 878.27 lakhs. Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal: From 20.07.2021 to 02.08.2021 upto 17:00hrs. Tender opening date at 17:15hrs on 03.08.2021. Any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D. Division, Shimoga.

DIPR/smg/No.116/07/mca/2020-21

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Tender Notification No:12/2021-22 Dt:17.07.2021

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur- 573120 Hassan Taluk Hassan Dist., As Per **KW-3**, invited Item rate Short term tender (Two covers) through e-procurement only vide No. **12/2021-22**, dated 17.07.2021 on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-I of any State /Central Government /Public Sector organization who are enrolled in Category I-B of CNNL. Details:- **1)** Approx., Cost put to tender Rs. **57.75 Lakhs**, EMD declaration shall be submitted in prescribed format, as uploaded in tender wizard, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from **26.07.2021 to 02.08.2021** through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by E–portal (2) Opening of Technical bid (Cover-I) **03.08.2021** at 4.30 PM onwards. (if possible) (3)Cover-II (Financial bid) will be opened after approval of Technical bid from the Competent authority. For further information etc., contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in(Department)

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur

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Mumbai Housing and Area Development Board
A Regional Unit of
(MAHARASHTRA HOUSING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY)

Main Portal : https://mahatenders.gov.in • MHADA Website : https://mhada.gov.in

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Notice No. : MB/EE/City/4 of 2021-22

Executive Engineer/City, Mumbai Board (Unit of MHADA), Room No. 213, First Floor, Griha Nirman Bhavan, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 invites digitally signed & unconditional online tenders in C (Turn Key) from eligible contractors.

Name of Work : Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning (SITC) of Medical Gas Pipe Line Works for Oxygen, Compressed Medical Air 4 Bar & Vacuum 200 ICU Bed (approx.) + 1000 Oxygenated Beds (approx.) for Jumbo Covid Centre in Somaiya Medical College Ground, Sion, Mumbai. **E-Tender Date :** 23/07/2021 to 29/07/2021 up to 3.00 PM. **E-Tender Opening Date (Technical Bid Opening Date)** : 30/07/2021 at 5.00 PM. **Note :-** Please refer the detailed tender notice on website, for all other details.

Sd/-
(Prashant Dhatrak)
Executive Engineer
City Div. / Mumbai Board

CPRO/A/305

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Jayanagara Division, BBMP, 39th Cross, 18th Main,
Jayanagara 4th 'T' Block, Bengaluru - 560041

No.: E.E.(JN)/DM/e-proc/04/2021-22 **Date: 20.07.2021**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through GOK E-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Jayanagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD or any State Government Organisations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Asphalting to bad reaches and concreting in Thayappanahalli area in Jayanagar 4th T Block in **Ward No. 168,** Pattabhiramanagar. **(Reserved for Others)**	45.00
2	Improvements to drain and asphalting to Cross Roads in 4th T Block, Jayanagar in **Ward No. 168,** Pattabhiramanagar. **(Two Cover) (Reserved for Others)**	75.00
3	Concreting to Marenahalli Tank Bund area from 18th Main Jayanagar 5th Block in **Ward No. 168,** Pattabhiramanagar. **(Two Cover) (Reserved for Others)**	55.00
4	Engaging of Gangman and hiring of tractor tippers for cleaning and maintenance of road side drains and other cleaning works in **Ward No. 169,** Byrasandra. **(Reserved for SC)**	15.00
5	Engaging of Gangman and hiring of tractor tippers for cleaning and maintenance of road side drains and other cleaning works in **Ward No. 170,** Jayanagar East. **(Reserved for Others)**	15.00
6	Removal of debris and maintenance of **Ward No. 178** (Silt & Tractor). **(Reserved for Others)**	12.00

Calendar of Events: (1) The Tender documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka. **(2)** Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **07.08.2021** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(3)** Bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Jayanagar Division on **09.08.2021** at **4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office, during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jayanagara Division, BBMP

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E- Tender Notice No. B/SG/Proj/10 L.C.Gate/01/2021 Dated: 17.07.2021

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work :

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Provision of signaling arrangements in connection with interlocking of 10 Level Crossing Gates over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 2,03,67,292.24/-

Last date for submission of bids: **upto 11:00 hrs. of 11.08.2021**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/ Project, Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/119/AAV/PRB/SWR/2021-22

Government of Karnataka
(KARNATAKA RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, KALABURGI-585105

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2021-22/742 Dated :19.07.2021

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honourable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below.

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only. 1) Name of work : Kalaburagi Taluka -01 Indent No 34270) Jewargi Taluka-01 Indent No (34368), 2) Head of A/C : KKRDB. 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-III & above, 4) Tender Amount : Min 55,99,667/-, Max 67,75,427/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: 19-07-2021 11:00am, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal. 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal : 28-07-2021 4.00pm. 8) Opening of Techincal Bid : 29-07-2021 4:01pm. 9) Opening of Financial Bid : 31-07-2021 11:00am, 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/449/MC&A/2021-22

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AKANKSHA SHANBHAG,** aged 21 years, D/o. Ramadas Shanbhag, residing at No. 711, Block-3, Skyline City Apartments, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560072, have changed my name to **AKANKSHA RAMADAS SHANBHAG** vide affidavit dated: 20-07-2021 sworn before Notary **B.A. Lakshminarayana Rao,** BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, the undersigned **ANJITHA SUSAN JOSEPH (New Name)** previously called **ANJITHA SUSAN MATHEW (Old Name),** aged about 45 years, W/o. Mr. Vineedh Abraham Mathew, resident at: Flat No. 409, Petra Park Apartment, Near Ramamurthy Nagar Police Station, Ramamurthy Nagar, Dooravani Nagar, Bangalore-560016, Karnataka State, India, do hereby solemnly declare and state that I have changed my name from **ANJITHA SUSAN MATHEW** to **ANJITHA SUSAN JOSEPH** by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public **Mr. K.B.Sadha Shivappa** on 20.07.2021 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ASWATHI PRASANTH Spouse of No 15330986N Hav Prasanthan .C.K. Residing At Kakkancheri (Post), Ulliyeri (Vill), Kozhikode (Dist), Kerala (State), Pin 673620, have changed my name from **ASWATHI PRASANTH** to **ASWATHI .P.** Vide Affidavit Dated 20.07.2021 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PRASHANT JIWRAJ RATHI, R/at No. 21, Nanjappa Road, Shanti Nagar, Bangalore 560027 have changed my name to **PRASHANT RATHI** vide Affidavit Dated 22-07-2021, before the Advocate and Notary S. Samuel Solomon, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMARISH SOBHAGMAL,** Aged about 59 Years, S/o **SOBHAGMAL TARACHAND,** R/at No.12, N.S. Iyengar Street, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020 in some records my name is entered as **Amarish Sobhagmal, Sobhagmal Kumar Amarish , S. Amarish, Amarish S, Amarish S. Jain, S.Amarich** All the names belong to me and henceforth, I Shall be Called as **AMARISH SOBHAGMAL** only, vide affidavit dated:17/7/2021 before Notary **Gopalakrishna** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. Mahesh** S/o Puttegowda, R/a No. 226/3, 5th Main, Uttarahalli Appayyaswamy Layout, Bangalore South, Subramanyapura, Bangalore-560061, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **SHEEBA .M** to **DHRUTI MAHESH,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **DHRUTI MAHESH** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 22-07-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 16119057F SPR Bhuse Pralhad Vitthal Unit: 426 (1) FD Coy, 'C' PLN, C/O 56 APO, Pin: 913426, have changed my Brother name from **B.NAVNATH VITTHAL** to **BHUSE NAVNATH VITHOBA** Vide Affidavit Dated 19.07.2021 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BOLLINENI LAKSHMI KALPANA,** Aged about 39 years, R/at No.1580, 11th Main, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041, have changed my name to **SIRIMAL LAKSHMI KALPANA** vide Affidavit Dated 22-07-2021, before the Notary G. Dayananda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ALI ASGAR** S/o **Alihusain Kiranawala,** R/at No.24, 5th Floor, 19th Cross, J.P.Nagar, 5th Phase, Bengaluru- 560078, have changed my name to **ALIASGER KIRANAWALA** vide affidavit dated:22/07/2021 Before Notary **L.Puttaraju** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M.BALASWAMY [New Name],** S/o M.RAMULU, Residing at Flat No.204, SDS Geetha Residency, 7th-C-Cross, 3rd Main, Kalappa Layout, Basavanagar, Bangalore-560037, that I have changed my name from **M.BALA SWAMI [Old Name]** to **M.BALASWAMY [New Name],** henceforth I shall be known and called as **M.BALASWAMY [New Name]** only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 22/07/2021 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.,** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MICHAEL JOHNSON, Residing at No. 46, Venkateshapuram, Near Sophia School, Ashok Nagar Bengaluru-560045, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MICHEAL DISOZA J N** Vide Affidavit Dated 14-07-2021 Sworn Before Notary L. Gopalakrishna Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **THOMAS KANICKARAJ,** aged about 47 years, S/o. V. Irudhaya Raj, R/at No. 06, Mudduanna Layout, DS Max Appt, Hennur Cross, Bangalore-560043. I declare that **I. THOMAS KANICKARAJ (alias) THOMAS KANICKARAJ** both names are one and the same person only. Vide affidavit dated 22-07-2021 sworn before notary, Uday Kumar K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED FARAHAN AHMED.,** S/o **Mohammed Fayaz Ahmed Khasim,** R/at ward No.1, Venkatagiri Kote, Chintamani, Chikkaballapur- 563125, have changed my name to **KHASIM MOHAMMED FARHAN AHMED** vide affidavit dated:22/07/2021 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUNIL SHARMA,** S/o, Satyanarayan Ram Sharma, aged about 47 years, Residing at No.7/1, 2nd Main Road, Palace Cross Road, Chandavarkar Layout, Bangalore-560020, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **SUNIEL SHARMA** (Old Name) to **SUNIL SHARMA** (New Name), vide Affidavit dated: 21-07-2021, Sworn before Advocate & Notary, M.S.Satish, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) S.RAKEEM, residing at No. C/o Sathish Nareedu, Horse Stable, Post Box No. 5038, Race Course, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) S.RAKEEM** to **(NEW NAME) SHAHBAZ ALAM** vide affidavit Dated 22/07/2021 sworn before Notary Mr.B.Hanumantharaya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PHILMON JOSEPH,** S/o Joseph.C, aged about 25 years, R/at. No.10/2, 6D Main, 4th Cross, Prakashnagar, VTC: Bangalore North, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021, hereby declare that my names **PHILMON JOSEPH AND FREDRICK FLIMON** are one and the same names which belongs to meitself only. In future I use my name as **PHILMON JOSEPH.** Vide affidavit dated: 22-7-2021, sworn before Notary **Onkarappa.N.R** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, T. SUMITRA Spouse of No. 15317827X Hav Thulasiraman Residing At Perumalagaram (Vill & Post), Kudavasal (Tehsil), Tiruvarir (Dist), Tamil Nadu (State), Pin : 613703, have changed my name from **T. SUMITRA** to **SUMITHIRA** Vide Affidavit Dated 20.07.2021 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Shuba Venugopal, D/o. P.K.Rangaswamy, W/o. Venu Gopala Krishna, R/o. No.G-1490, 8th Cross, New Township, Marathahalli, Bangalore 560 037, Karnataka, India. I have changed my name from '**SHUBALAKSHMI.P.R**' to '**SHUBA VENUGOPAL**' Vide affidavit dated 17.12.2020. Sworn to before Advocate & Notary V.Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

LOST

NOTICE is hereby given that Dr. Vasant William Renick, S/o. Late William John Renick, aged about 68 years, residing at No.20, 7thA Cross, Kanakanagar, Sultanpalaya Main Road, R T Nagar, Bengaluru-560 032, states that he had lost the Original Sale Deed dated 11/10/1999 bearing Doc No.7024 of 99-2000, registered on 24/12/1999, and other documents like EC, etc. while taking the same for photocopying, and also lodged a complaint on20/07/2021, bearing GSC No. PO 1354 2106 0002 3, relating to the **Property bearing Site No.21, H L Katha No.30/2, 7th A Cross, Kananakanagara, Vishwanatha-nagenahalli, Kasaba Hobli, BBMP Ward No.96, Bangalore-560032.** Extension Measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 45+44/2 feet together with all rights. The Documents are: 1.Original Sale Deed, 2. Copy of EC and other documents.

If anybody transacts with the above documents our client is not responsible or liable, further, founders of the above documents are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at the earliest.

M. Jagadeesh,
Tapas Law, Advocates
C-208, Blue Cross Chambers, 2nd Floor, No.11, Infantry Road Cross, Bangalore-560001. Ph: 9845520455
Place: Bangalore Date:22/07/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have been retained by my client **Smt. Mamatha Bai,** W/o Sri. Piru Naik, R/at No. 19, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Havonoor Badavane, Nagasandra post, Bangalore-560 073. Have intends to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule here under from owner **Smt. Priyadarshini,** W/o Sri. V. Shekar, to ascertain the title to her schedule property acquired by through. Regd. Sale Deed dated: 25.01.2012, is registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Madanayakanahalli Bangalore, vide Book-1, Doc.No. MDL-1-5156/2011-12 CD. No. MDLD95 and **being mortgaged to Repco Home Finance Limited., Yelahanka, Bangalore.**

Any person having any claim in respect to the schedule property, by way sale, exchange, gift, Mortgage, charge, trust, inheritance, possession, lease line or otherwise howsoever, or requested to inform the same in writing to the undersigned having office at: No. 15/7, 3d Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003, **within 7 days** from the date hereof failing which the claim or claims if any such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Site.No.10,** katha No. 63/2/10, Having E Khatha NO. 1502002028007200 14, formed in Sy.No. 63/2, of Thorenagasandra Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore presently within the limit of Huskuru Grama Panchayathi and measuring East to West; 40 Ft and North to South: 30 Ft in all measuring 1200 Sq Ft and bounded on :

East by : Road West by: Site. No. 17
North by : Site. No. 11, South by : Site. No. 09.

Place : Bangalore, Dated: 21.7.2021

T. A. HARISH B.A.L., LLB.
Advocate / Legal Advisor
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Re-TENDER NOTICE
Notice Inviting E-Bids

The Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna invites e-bids from interested service provider for installation, operation and maintenance of CT Scan machine under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode for Two (02) district hospitals of Bihar namely- Arwal and Sheikhpura.

Notice Inviting Re-tender Ref No.BMSICL/2021-22/ME-232
(Only through E- Tender on website:-www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

Re-Tender Schedule

Tender Reference No.	BMSICL/2021-22/ME-232
Date and time for downloading of bid document	Upto 13th August 2021 till 17:00 Hrs.
Date of Pre- Bid Meeting	30th July 2021 at 15:00 Hrs in Conference hall of BMSICL, 4th Floor, Bihar State Building Construction Co. Ltd, Hospital Road, Shastri Nagar, Patna (Bihar)
Last date and time of submission of online bids	16th August 2021 upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of original documents of EMD, Document Fee and technical bid.	17th August 2021 till 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	17th August 2021 (at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of www.eproc.bihar.gov.in the office of BMSICL
Date and time of opening of financial Bids	To be announced later on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
Validity of Tender	180 Days
Cost of the tender document	Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand Rupees only) Non - refundable.
Bid Processing Fee	Rs 1180/-

1. To participate in E-Tendering the tenderer will have to be registered with E-Tendering service provider. For this help desk first floor, M/22, Bank of India building, Road no.-25, Sri Krishna Nagar Patna-800020, Tele Phone no.-0612-2523006, Mobile No.- 7542028164 can be approached.

For further details please visit website www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my clients Smt. G. Jebamalai W/o Sri P. Jeremiah and Sri. Santosh Kumar Singh S/o Late Raj Mani Singh, intends to purchase the schedule property from its owner Sri. Shivakumar .K S/o Late Kariappa Residing at No.25, Vidhana Soudha Layout, Laggere, Bengaluru – 560 058.

Any person/s company Financial Institution, Firm etc, having any claim or objection for the proposed purchase or having any right, title or interest in the Schedule Property may contact or should lodge such claim and objection in writing with supporting documents within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of publication failing which it will be presumed that there are no valid claims charges and encumbrance whatsoever over the Schedule Property and my clients would proceed to complete the sale transaction, any claim received Lodged thereafter will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Site No.19**, in Sy No.10/9, situated at Kathriguppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, **New BBMP Municipal No.19, at 2nd 'B' Cross Road, Kathriguppe Main Road**, Bangalore Old Ward No.54, New Ward No.164-Vidyapeeta, New BBMP **PID No.54-132-019**, Measuring **East to West: 45 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in all measuring 1350 Sq. feet**, comprising of 4 Squares of RCC Roofed residential house having mosaic flooring, wall and bricks are made with cement mortar, Jungle Wood used for doors and windows with all civic amenities, and bounded as follows:- East by: Site No.34, West by:Road, North by:Site No.18, South by:Site No.20.

A.M.Gajendra, Advocate
Srinivasa Mandiram, 1st floor,
Balepet Main Road, Bangalore-53.
Ph- 9845562465 Date:21.07.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that my client **Sri. Rajesh Kumar Poddar** S/o Sushil Kumar Poddar, aged about 55 years and **Smt. Anju Poddar** W/o Rajesh Kumar Poddar, aged about 54 years, both are R/at No.25 old no.72, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, Gayathri Devi Park Extension, Near Stella Maris School, Vyalikaval, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003 are intends to purchase schedule property from its owner Sri. V. Ravinath S/o V.A. Narayan, aged about 61 years, Slat. No.52, 15th cross, next to MES College, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003. If any person/s or interested have any valid and legal claim are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing annexing documents for their claim/ interest with the under signed within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

If valid legal objection/s are not filed by any persons/s my client will proceed to complete the sale proceeds to purchase the schedule property from the above said owner deeming that apart from the owner no other person or institution have no any claim over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing New Municipal No.193/1, in **PID NO.7-1-193/1** situated at 2nd Main Road, Malleshwaram, BBMP Ward No.7, Bengaluru-560003 measuring East to West 59 feet and North to South 18 feet in all a total of 1062 sq. feet with old tiled roof building constructed thereon and bounded on the: **East by:** Passage measuring East to West 4ft and North to South 18ft leading to V. Amarnath property and beyond that property of Sri. V. Ramesh, **West by:** Conservancy lane, **North by:** Remaining portion of property No.193 belonging to V. Amarnath, **South by:** Common Passage.

M.R. SURESH, Advocate
No.11, S-2, Jeevan Building,
Kumar Park East, Bengaluru-560001.
Mob No.9844507798

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that my Client, **SRI. C. KUMAR**, S/o Late N. Channappa, aged about 49 years, Residing at # 413/A1, 15th Cross, 5th Main, HSR VI Sector, Bengaluru-560 102, hereby intimates to the public that, he intends to purchase the properties bearing Sy. No. 27/1 measuring 2 Acre 01 Guntas, Sy. No. 29/2 measuring 1 Acre 05 Guntas & Sy. No. 37 measuring 2 Acres 03 Guntas, situated at Devarachikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, morefully described in the schedule hereunder from the landlords i.e **legal heirs of deceased Thopumuniyappa S/o Chinnappa & Jagappa S/o Chinnappa.**

Therefore, any person(s) having any claim in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by way of lease, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, lien, license, hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial interest under any trust right of prescription or pre-emption under any agreement or other disposition or under any decree, order or award or otherwise claiming, however, are hereby are requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at his office as mentioned below within a period of 15 days of the publication thereof. Failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and /or abandoned.

SCHEDULE

1) All that piece and parcel of the converted immovable property bearing **Sy. No. 27/1** measuring **2 Acre 01 gunta** situated at Devarachikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on the **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Sy Nos.29/3, 29/2 & 29/5, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Sy No.27/2.

2) All that piece and parcel of the converted immovable property bearing **Sy. No. 29/2** measuring **1 Acre 05 Guntas** situated at Devarachikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on the **East by:** Sy No.27/1, **West by:** Sy No.33, **North by:** Sy No.29/5, **South by:** Sy No.29/3.

3) All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Sy. No. 37** measuring **2 Acre 03 Guntas** situated at Deverachikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on the **East by:** Sy. No.28, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Sy No.36, **South by:** Sy No.38.

H. K. SHIVARAJU, Advocate
1/1, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, 7th Block (W),
Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560070.
M. 9901470372

PUBLIC NOTICE
BEFORE THE CIVIL JUDGE
[SENIOR DIVISION] AT DEVANAHALLI

O.S. No. 1029/2019

Plaintiff : Devanahalli Aviators Welfare Association [R], No. MF1/4, BDA Flats, Cambridge Layout Extension, Halasuru, Bangalore - 560 008 Represented by its Secretary Sri R. Thangarajan

-Vs-

Defendants: 1. Sri V.S. Ravishankar, S/o Late Srinivas, Aged about 67 years, Residing at Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk.

2. Sri Y.G. Murthy, S/o. Y.M. Gopalappa, Aged about 59 years, Residing at No. 1303, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064.

3. Dr. Jayachandra, S/o Sri K. Venkataram Raju, Aged about 47 years, Managing Partner, M/s. Kshatriya Developers, Residing at No.828, 1st Cross, 9th Main, 1st Block, HRBR Layout, Bangalore - 560 043.

The Plaintiff has filed the above suit for the relief of specific performance of memorandum of agreement dated 04.12.2007 against the defendants. The Plaintiffs also filed an IA restraining the Defendants from alienating the suit schedule property during the pendency of the suit with regard to the property mentioned in the schedule below. By Order dated 16.12.2019 the Senior Civil Judge and JMFC Devanahalli has Issued an order of temporary exparte injunction against the Defendants restraining them from alienating the suit schedule property. The said order has been extended from time to time. The public are hereby informed not to enter into any type of sale transactions with regard to the schedule property and if they do so they will be doing at their own risk and the Plaintiff will not be responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the land bearing Survey No.84, measuring 4 Acres converted for residential purpose vide order bearing No. BDS.ALN.SR/(NA)41/2004-05 dated 01.10.2004 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Meesaganahalli, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, bounded on:
East by: Survey No. 85, West by: Survey No. 35, North by: Survey No. 35, South by: Survey No. 77 and 78.

Sri. J. ARAVIND BABU, Advocate
No. 98, 3rd Cross, GKW Layout,
Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040.
Mobile No. 99640 15453
email: ababu2775@gmail.com

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Registered Office: Basavanagudi, Bengaluru -4

POSSESSION NOTICE (See Rule 8(1)) For Immovable Property

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Can Fin Homes Ltd.** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice on the below mentioned dates calling upon the following borrower(s)/co-borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest at contractual rates till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, against each borrower, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on dates mentioned hereinafter.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand notice	Amount Outstanding	Date of Possession Taken
1)	**Mrs. Vanamala alias Vanamala Vittal Nayak M/o Late Vivek Nayak and Smt.Late Reshma Nayak W/o Late Vivek Nayak and other legal heirs**	**Schedule 'A' Property: Item No. 1:** All that piece and parcel of land bearing converted Sy No 28/1, measuring 0-06 guntas, vide Conversion Order No: ALN.SR.(N).219/2003-04 dated 17.04.2004, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, Situated at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 12, Bengaluru which is bounded on: East by:Remaining portion of the same Sy No 28/1, West by:Halla & land belonging to Subramani, North by: Property in Sy No 28/2, South by:Government Road. **Item No. 2:** All that piece and parcel of land bearing converted Sy No 28/2, measuring 1 acre 0-06 guntas, vide Conversion Order No: ALN.SR.(N).217/2003-04 dated 17.04.2004, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, Situated at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 12, Bengaluru which is bounded on: East by:Property in Sy No 28/4, West by:Halla, North by:Property of Chowdappa, South by:Property in Sy No 28/1. **Schedule `B' Property:** 0.42% undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule-A Property mentioned above which would work out to 352.8 square feet approximately of the Schedule-A Property in the subject matter **Schedule `C' Apartment:** Apartment No. 215, on Second Floor, measuring Super Built Area of 840 square feet in the building "MAHAVEER DESIRE" constructed on the Schedule-A Property with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment Owners equally including common area with One Covered Parking, The construction is of Ceramic Flooring, Aluminium Windows and Teak Wood and Sal Wood frames and Doors, separate Electricity, Common water, including common area rights.	04.05.2021	Rs. 21,75,741/-	17th July 2021
2)	**Mrs. Vanamala alias Vanamala Vittal Nayak M/o Late Vivek Nayak and Smt.Late Reshma Nayak W/o Late Vivek Nayak and other legal heirs**	All that piece and parcel of the vacant Site No 73, having Khatha No 122 and Assessment No 19/7, situated at Ganigarahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West : 40 feet, North to South : 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 square feet and bounded on: East by: Site No. 64, West by : 30 ft Road, North by: Site No.72, South by: Site No. 74.	04.05.2021	Rs. 24,51,372/-	17th July 2021

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Can Fin Homes Ltd. (CFHL)** for the amount mentioned against each property along with further interest thereon till the date of realisation.

Date : 20.07.2021 — Sd/-Can Fin Homes Ltd
Place : Vijayanagar, Bengaluru — Authorised Officer

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PUTTENAHALLI BRANCH
No.94, 94a & 95, 1st Floor, sri Krishna Plaza,
J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Kothanur Dinne Main Road, Bangalore-560078.

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SEC.13 (2) SARFAESI Act 2002

Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below- classified as NPA

We have to inform that you the following borrowers whose name and address [each borrower] and the name of the branches where you have availed the credit facilities offering the properties mentioned herein below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to, each of you demanding the due amount

1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1. Sri. Ramesha S/o Sri. Late Katappa, Southern Portion of house List No. 4/2, Old Katha No. 354, BBMP Katha No.4/2/355, Present BBMP Katha Sl. No.570, PID No. 4/2/355, Situated at : Thalaghattapura Village, Uttarahali Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560109. **2. The Co-Obligants : 1. Sri. Ananda R** S/o Sri. P V Raju, Southern Portion of House List No.4/2, Old Katha No. 354, BBMP Katha No.4/2/355, BBMP Katha Sl. No.570, PID No. 4/2/355, Situated at : Thalaghattapura Village, Uttarahali Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560109.

Account No.: 165930100016798 Nature of Limit : Term Loan Loan Limit Amount : Rs.18,00,000/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, Rs.19,42,468.50 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Eight and Fifty Paisa Only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 07.04.2021

Description of the Secured Assets : All that piece & parcel of Residential Building Southern Portion of House List No.4/2, Old Katha No.354, BBMP Katha No. 4/2/355, Present BBMP Katha Sl.No. 570, PID No. 4/2/355, Situated at Thalagattapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 18 1/2 feet, Totally 740 Square Feet, and Bounded on : East : Vijrappa's Property, West : Road, North : Gangabai's Property, South : House Property of Rayaru.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: The Guarantors : M/s S G Builders & Developers, Represented by their Partners as personal Guarantors : 1) Smt. Tara S W/o Sri. Sachidananda Murthy, No. 18, 2nd Cross, Near Jambusavaridinne Circle, IDBI Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560083. **2) Mr. Rohith S** S/o Sri. Sachidananda Murthy, No. 18, 2nd Cross, Near Jambusavaridinne Circle, IDBI Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560083. **3) Mr. Karthik S** S/o Sri. Sachidananda Murthy, No. 18, 2nd Cross, Near Jambusavaridinne Circle, IDBI Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560083. **4) Mr. Mahesh H C** S/o Mr. H.S. Chandrashekaraiah, No.41, Siddaganga Residency, Tavarekere Main Road, Kaveri Layout, Dharmaram College, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560029, **5) Mr. Giridhar HC S/o** Mr. Chandrasekharaiah, No.41, Siddaganga Residency, Tavarekere Main Road, Kaveri Layout, Dharmaram College, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560029, **6) Mr. B. Keshavan** S/o Mr. Bodi Reddy, No.19, N.S. Residency, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main, Near Venkareswara Swamy Tample, Chikka Adugodi, Tavarekere, Near Dharmaram College, Bangalore South Taluk, Karnataka - 560029.

Account No.: 165931100000663 Nature of Limit : SOD to MSE's against Property Loan Limit Amount : Rs.54,00,000/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, Rs.60,30,944.38 (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four and Thirty Eight Paise Only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 07.04.2021

Description of the Secured Assets : All that piece and parcel bearing vacant Site No. 18, Old V.P. Khata No. 702/18, Presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, now bearing BBMP Khata No. 843/702/18, formed out of Converted land in Sy.No.17/1 and 17/3 of Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, which is duly converted from Agriculture purposes o Non-Agricultural residential purposes vide Conversion Order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)408/1991-92, dated 20.05.1992 by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and measuring East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 40 feet and Totally measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded on the : East : Property No.17, West : Property No.19, North : Road, South : Property No. 38.

3. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Sri. P. Shankar S/o Sri. Late Papanna, No. 87/A, 10th Cross, Chandra Nagar, Kumaraseamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560078. **2) Sri. P. Devaraju** W/o Sri. Palani's, No.2859, 8th Main, Chandranagar, Near 108, Ganapathi Temple, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka-560078.

Account No.: 165930100035988 Nature of Limit : Term Loan Loan Limit Amount : Rs.15,00,000/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, Rs.12,99,066.16 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Sixty Six and Sixteen Paise Only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 07.04.2021

Description of the Secured Assets : All that piece and parcel of Site No. 87/A, Situated at Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Measuring East to West : 5 Meters and North to South : 6 Meters, total Measuring 30 Square Meter and bounded on the : East : Site No.85/A, West : Site No. 89/A, North : Road, South : Site No. 101/A.

4. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: The Guarantors : M/s Jeevan Electronics, Represented : by its Proprietor : Mr. Venkatesh Gowda K. and its Corporate Office at : No. 44, Nyathappa Layout, Arekere, Near Govt. Scool, DLF Main Road, Bangalore - 560076. **1) Sri. Venkatesh Gowda K** S/o Sri. Kalegowda, No. 858, Hongasandra Main Road, Opp. Mico Layout, Water Tank near, Near ST Mary's School, Garebhavi Palya, Bangalore - 560068.

Account No.: 165931100000308 Nature of Limit : SOD Loan Limit Amount : Rs.10,00,000/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, Rs.11,59,759/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 07.04.2021

Description of the Secured Assets : All that piece and parcel of property at Site No. 20, Lakshmipura Village, Gramathana Property No.38/7,41/44/1 and 44/3, Khatha No. 1391, situated at Lakshmipura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West : 31 feet and North to South 441/2 feet, Total Measuring 1380 Square Feet along with 1 Sq.ft sheet house along with bricks wall, forest wood doors and windows, and bounded on the : East : Road, West : Private Proeprty, North : Site No. 19, South : Site No. 21.

5. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Sri. Siddojirao. M. S/o Sri. Mannojirao, Northern and Southern Portion of BDA Site No. 509, PID No. 55-317-509, Near Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage, 77th Cross, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560078. **2) Smt. Nagarathna K** W/o Sri Sri. Siddojirao.M. Northern and Southern Portion of BDA Site No. 509, PID No. 55-317-509, Near Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage, 77th Cross, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560078.

Account No.: 165930100016798 Nature of Limit : Housing Loan Loan Limit Amount : Rs.36,50,000/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, Rs.44,39,768.22 (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight and Twenty Two Only) together with interest.

NPA Date :31.03.2021 Demand Date : 07.04.2021

Description of the Secured Assets : All that piece and parcel of Residential Building Northern and Southern Portion of BDA Site No.509, PID No. 55-317-509, Near Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage, 77th Cross, Bangalore, Measuring East to West : 20 feet and North to South : 30 feet, Totally measuring 600 Square Feet and bounded on : East : Site No. 508, West : Road, North : Road, South : Site No. 510.

6. Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: 1) Sri. Govindrauju S/o Sri. Erappa, No. E-28, NGR Layout, Ward No. 15, Roopena Agrahara, Bangalore - 560068, **2) Smt. Shanthamma** W/o Sri. Govindaraju, No. E-28, NGR Layout, Ward No. 15, Roopena Agrahara, Bangalore - 560068.

Account No.: 165930100010730 Nature of Limit : Housing Loan Loan Limit Amount : Rs.10,00,000/-

Amount Outstanding : as on 31.03.2021, Rs.11,45,250.44 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and Forty Four Paise Only) together with interest.

NPA Date : 31.03.2021 Demand Date : 07.04.2021

Description of the Secured Assets : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 89, Katha No. 14/2, Situated at Naganathapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes jurisdiction of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Limits, Measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 30 feet, Totally Measuring 1200 Square feet, and bounded : East : Private Property, West : Road, North : Site No. 88, South : Site No. 90.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 22.07.2021 — Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore — Union Bank of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

This to inform to the general public that my Client Mrs. Bhagya W/o Ningegowda, Residing at No.28, Thigalarapalya, Peenya 2nd Stage, 2nd cross, Bangalore- 560058 has lost the Original sale deed while Travelling. Hence my client has lodged the complaint bearing Lost report No.11982/2021 dated: 22.07.2021 to the Bengaluru City Police for having lost the Original sale deed bearing document No.61386/2004-05, dated: 30.03.2005 which was registered at Rajajinagar (Peenya) Sub-Register Office, Bengaluru pertaining to property bearing Site No.28, Khatha No.345 ,Assessment No.105/9, 105/1, 87/1, 85/1, 85/3, 85/4, 86/1, 85/5, 86/2, 86/3, 85/6 situated at Karivobanahalli village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli Bangalore North taluk , measuring East to West 40feet, North to South 30 feet, total measuring 1200Sq.feet, the finders of the above sale deed are requested to return the same to my below mentioned address within 7 days.

HARISHA .S, Advocate
HBM Law Associates
No.2, 1st Floor, Byranna Building,
Madanayakanahalli, Tumkur Road,
Dasanapura Hobli, Near Canara Bank,
Bengaluru -562125 Mobile: 9060950265

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has proposed to purchase the property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from **(1) Sri. Narayanaswamy** S/o Late Venkatappa, **(2) Smt. Parvathamma** D/o Late Venkatappa, **(3) Sri. Prakash** S/o Late Venkatappa, **(4) Smt. Bhagya** D/o Late Krishanappa, **(5) Smt. Padama** D/o Late Krishanappa, **(6) Sri. Lokesh** S/o Late Krishanappa, all are R/at Kallayanapur Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagar District, who are the absolute owners and in possession of the schedule property. If any person/s having any manner of right, title, interest, share or claim whatsoever over the schedule property may file their objections in writing to the undersigned, within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of this publication, along with documentary proof after that, we treat that, have no claim/objections in respect of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy No.9/5, measuring an extent of 2 acre situated at Kallayanapura Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District & bounded on : **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private Property.

V. GANGADHARA GOWDA, Advocate,
No.101, 2nd Floor, Sri. Rangam Residency,
1st Main, Hebbal, Bangalore 560024.

Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd

Muthoot Finance
Corporate Office : 1201 & 1202, 12th Floor, 'A' Wing, Lotus Corporate Park, Off. Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East), Mumbai – 400 063.

POSSESSION NOTICE

[As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Muthoot Homefin (India) limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower **Suja Joykutty, Roselin K John** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice dated 15-03-2021, being **Rs. 2318061/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lac Eighteen Thousand Sixty One Only)** along with contractual interest plus penal interest @ 24% per annum, charges, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **19th of July 2021.**

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Muthoot Homefin (India) limited, for an amount of **Rs. 2318061/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lac Eighteen Thousand Sixty One Only)** along with contractual interest thereon and penal interest @ 24% per annum, Charges, costs etc.

The Borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time Available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Immovable Properties: All that piece & parcel of Property No. 35, Sl.No. 241/11, Khatha2254, Chikkanagamangala Villagesarjapura Hobli, Anekal Talukkarnataka 560033. More Particularly Mentioned In The Sale Deed Registered No. 12002-2015 Dated- 02-Jan-15 In The Office Of Sub Registrar Banashankari. Having Boundaries- North- Road, South- Property No. 36, East- Property No. 34, West- Road.

Date: 19-07-2021 — Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER
Place: Bangalore — Muthoot Homefin (India) Limited

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)

SME Peenya Branch, (2454)
13th Cross, 2nd Stage,
Peenya Industrial Area,
Bangalore – 560058,
Phone: 080- 28360037/2661
E-mail – cb2454@canaranbank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [See Rule 8(1) of SARFAESI RULES]

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank SME Peenya Branch, Bangalore-560058** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantor/ Mortgagor : (A): 1) M/s Gera Auto Industries Pvt Ltd, No 314 A, 1st Stage, Sompura Industrial Estate, Dabaspet, Near Nidavanda Railway Station, Bangalore Rural – 562132 **2) Mr. Anand Sarda (Guarantor), 3) Mr. Hanuman Das Sarda, (Guarantor), 4) Mr. Anurag Sarda (Guarantor), 5) Mr. Ashish Sarda, (Guarantor)** residing at No 486, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore - 560086 **6) M/s Sarda Alloy Steel Pvt Ltd (Corporate Guarantor),** Plot 17 G, Sector 1, 2nd Phase, Bidadi Industrial Area, Ramanagara District – 562109.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 5,14,00,742.89/- (Rupees Five Crore Fourteen Lakhs Seven Hundred Forty Two and Paise Eighty Nine Only) as on **10.05.2021** and interest, legal and other charges thereon from **01.05.2021.**

(B): 1) M/s Sarda Alloy Steel Pvt Ltd, Plot 17 G Sector 1 2nd Phase, Bidadi Industrial Area, Ramanagara District-562109 **2) Mr. Anand Sarda (Guarantor), 3) Mr. Hanuman Das Sarda, (Guarantor), 4) Mr. Anurag Sarda (Guarantor), 5) Mr. Ashish Sarda,** residing at No 486, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore- 560086.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 12,90,93,809.63/- (Rupees Twelve Crore Ninety Lakhs Ninety Three Thousands Eight Hundred Nine and Paise Sixty Three Only) as on **10.05.2021** and interest, legal and other charges thereon from **01.05.2021.**

©: 1) M/s Sarda Alloy Steels, No 108 E, 3rd Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Opp ESIC Local office, Peenya, Bangalore- 560058 **2) Mr. Anurag Sarda (Proprietor & Guarantor), 3) Mr. Hanuman Das Sarda, (Guarantor), 4) M/s Sarda Alloy Steel Pvt Ltd (Corporate Guarantor),** Plot 17 G, Sector 1, 2nd Phase, Bidadi Industrial Area, Ramanagara District – 562109

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 3,23,93,447.50/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety Three Thousands Four Hundred Forty Seven and Paise Fifty Only) as on **09.05.2021** and interest, legal and other charges thereon from **01.05.2021.**

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece of Land and Building at Plot No 314(Corner Plot) of Sompura I stage Industrial area comprised in Sy No(s) Part of 5 & 8 of Nidavanda village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District containing by admeasurements 12248.75 Sq. mtrs or thereabouts and bounded as follows: On or towards North by: Plot No 313,315,316 & 317, On or towards South by: Road, On or towards East by: Road, On or towards West by: Plot No 318.

Demand Notice Dated : 11.05.2021 Possession Notice Date: 19.07.2021

Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantor/ Mortgagor : (A) 1) M/s Gera Auto Industries Pvt Ltd, No 314 A, 1st Stage, Sompura Industrial Estate, Dabaspet, Near Nidavanda Railway Station, Bangalore Rural – 562132 **2) Mr. Anand Sarda (Guarantor), 3) Mr. Hanuman Das Sarda, (Guarantor), 4) Mr. Anurag Sarda (Guarantor), 5) Mr. Ashish Sarda, (Guarantor) residing at No 486, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, 2nd Phase, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore - 560086 6) M/s Sarda Alloy Steel Pvt Ltd (Corporate Guarantor),** Plot 17 G Sector 1 2nd Phase, Bidadi Industrial Area, Ramanagara District – 562109.

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C): 1) M/s Sarda Alloy Steels, No 108 E, 3rd Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Opp ESIC Local office, Peenya, Bangalore- 560058 **2) Mr. Anurag Sarda (Proprietor & Guarantor), 3) Mr. Hanuman Das Sarda, (Guarantor), 4) M/s Sarda Alloy Steel Pvt Ltd (Corporate Guarantor),** Plot 17 G Sector 1 2nd Phase, Bidadi Industrial Area, Ramanagara District – 562109.

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Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No 486 situated at West of Chord Road II Stage, II Phase Extension, Corporation Ward No 14, Bangalore and measuring East to West 12.20 mtrs and North to South 18.20 mtrs and bounded on: East by: Site No 487, West by: Site No 485, North by: BDA Lands, South by: Road.

Demand Notice Dated : 11.05.2021 Possession Notice Date: 20.07.2021

Date : 22.07.2021 — Sd/-Authorized Officer
Place : Bangalore — Canara Bank

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 09/2021-22/SE/PHC/CHN. JJM-Providing water supply connections to households from the existing distribution mains in Thiruvaniyoor, Vadavucode - Puthencruz, Aikaranad (zone 1 and zone 3) and Poothrikka Panchayaths. EMD : Rs. 1,00,000/-. Tender fee : Rs. 8,400/-. Last Date for submitting Tender : 02-08-2021 03:00:pm, Phone : 0484-2360645. Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in**, **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**.

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Kochi

KWA-JB-GL-6-273-2021-22

Varthana Finance Private Limited

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(Formerly known as M/s. Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.,)
Registered Office at : No. 5BC-110, Varasiddhi. Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website www.varthana.com, Email: info@varthana.com, Phone: 080-68455777

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION SALE (Immovable Properties)

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with Rule 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is here by given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Bangalore,** (Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd), will be sold on **12-08-2021 (Thursday) at 12.00 noon,, As is Where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis, for recovery of below mentioned loan amount. The details of the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) Secured Assets/ Dues/ Reserve Price/ Auction date & time E.M.D. & Bid increase amount are mentioned below :

Name of the Borrower / Guarantor : (1). Deepak School Represented by it's Secretory, (2). M/s. Deepak Education and Women Welfare Trust, Represented By It's Authorised Signatory, (3). Sree Devi. T S, W/o. Maruthi. S. K, (4). Siddagangappa S, (5). Siddagangamma, W/o. Siddagangappa

Details of Total Outstanding Loan Amount in Rupees : (in Two loan accounts i.e BLR6478S – Rs. 61,89,813/- and BLR08517S Rs.1,79,63,121/-) Totally Rs.2,41,52,934/- (Rupees Two Crores Forty One Lacs Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four Only) as on **19-07-2021,** together with further contractual rate of interest plus legal costs/ charges, till realisation of entire amount.

Details of Immovable Properties : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing comprising Site No.62, 63, 64, Khata No. 134, Site No. 65 Khata No. 273, Assessment No. 54, Karivabanahalli Village, Yashawanthapura Hoblii, Bangalore North Taluk. Now under the limit of BBMP, Ad-measuring 4980 Sq. Ft., with building constructed thereon (Note : As per Sale Deed property measuring 5400 Sq. Ft.) and bounded as follows.

Site No. 62 : East By : Site No.63, West By : Site No.61, North By : Road, South By : Site No.65.

Site No. 63 and 64 : East By : Road, West By : Site No.62 and 65, North By :Road, South By : Road.

Site No. 65 : East By : Site No. 64, West By : Site No.66, North By : Site No.62, South By : Road.

Known Encumbrances, if any : Nil.

The Reserve Price will be Rs. 2,35,30,500/- (Two Crores Thirty Five Lacs Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be 10% of the Reserved Price (E.M.D.) Rs.23,53,050/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lacs Fifty Three Thousand Fifty Only).

Intending bidders should submit their E.M.D, amount along with K.Y.C. documents (PAN Card and Aadhaar/Voters ID/Driving Licence) and Rs. 1,000/- being Non-refundable Tender fee at the Bangalore Office, at the above address, by way of Demand Draft/ Pay Order drawn on a Scheduled Bank, favouring "M/s. Varthana Finance Private Limited", payable at Bangalore before 3.00 p.m. on or before 11-08-2021.

Date & Time of Inspection of the Property : 05-08-2021 to 10-08-2021 from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. NOTE:- Interested Buyers should come personally with KYC documents or depute an authorized person with authority letter and KYC documents.

For detailed terms and conditions of Auction Sale, please refer to Company's website : www.varthana.com

The prospective bidders may contact the Authorised Officer Mr. Lokesh : 9886767620 and Mr. Manjunath : 9980219262 for further details/information

Date : 21-07-2021 — Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore — Varthana Finance Private Limited,

Bank of India

Cantonment Branch: "Jyothi Mahal",
#49, St. Marks Road, Bengaluru-560 001.
Ph: 080-22959472/ 73 / 74 /75 / 76, Fax: 080-22952477

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE U/s 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To

1. Mrs. Kamalamma
No.84, Survey No.7/2, New No.20/11, Ashwathakatte Road, Rudrappa Garden, Kasturiba Nagar, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560 026.

1. At the request made by you **Bank of India, Cantonment Branch,** (hereinafter referred to as **"the Bank"**) had granted following credit facility:

Nature of Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Outstanding Dues
Loan against Property	Rs.15,60,000/-	Rs.16,02,356.36+ Interest from 31-03-2021 @ 9.35%
Total	Rs.15,60,000/-	Rs.16,02,356.36+Int.

2. As you have guaranteed repayment of the dues with all interest, costs, expenses, charges. The aforesaid credit facility granted by the Bank is secured by the following assets/securities. **Equitable Mortage of the immovable Residential property belonging to Mrs. Kamalamma bearing No.84, Survey No.7/2, New No.20/11, Ashwathakatte Road, Rudrappa Garden, Kasturiba Nagar, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560 026 1) Boundaries of the entire plot: East by: Road, West by: Housing belonging to H.M. Hussain, North by: Portion of same property belonging to Smt. Mahaboob Bi South by: Site No.85.**

3. Due to default in repayment of the Bank's dues, the account has been classified as **Non Performing Asset w.e.f. 31-03-2021** in accordance with the directions / guidelines issued by RBI.

4. For the reasons stated above, we hereby give you **Notice under Section 13(2)** of the above noted Act and call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities by paying to the Bank a sum of **Rs.16,02,356.36 (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Six and Thirty Six paise) along with further interest from 31-03-2021 @ 9.35% p.a.** monthly rests within a period of **60 days** from the date of this notice, failing which please note that we will entirely at your risks as to costs and consequences exercise the powers vested with the Bank under Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, against the secured assets mentioned above.

5. The amounts realized from exercising the powers mentioned above, will firstly be applied in payment of all costs, charges and expenses which are incurred by us and/or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly applied in discharge of the Bank's dues as mentioned above with contractual interest from the date of this notice till the date of actual realization and the residue of the money, if any, after the Bank's entire dues are fully recovered, shall be paid to you.

6. While calling upon you to discharge your liability as above by payment of the entire dues to the Bank together with applicable interest, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank till repayment and redeem the secured assets, within the period mentioned above, please take important note that as per Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI ACT, the right of redemption of secured assets will be available to you only till the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.

7. If the said dues are not fully recovered from the proceeds realised in the course of exercise of the said powers against the secured assets, we reserve our right to proceed against you before Courts of Competent jurisdiction for recovery of the balance amount due along with all costs etc., incidental thereto from you.

8. Please note that you are restrained from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of the secured assets as per section 13(13) of the said Act.

9. The undersigned is a duly authorised officer of the Bank to issue this notice and exercise powers under Section 13 of the aforesaid Act.

10. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

Place: Bengaluru — **Sd/-, ASST. GENERAL MANAGER & AUTHORISED OFFICER.**
Date: 03-04-2021

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
638.70 ▲	Sensex	52,837.21	₹55.2 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,767.0	₹214 ▼	Per kg	₹66,766	▼ Dollar		74.46
191.95 ▲	Nifty	15,824.05	₹55 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,747.9	₹0.214 ▼	Per gm	₹66.766	▲ Euro		87.89

India 'challenging place' to do biz: US govt

State Dept says India must foster reliable investment climate, cut bureaucratic hurdles; hails fiscal aids during Covid

WHAT REPORT SAYS

- Increased tariffs, procurement rules, sanitary and phytosanitary measures not based on science, and Indian-specific standards not aligned with international standards
- India lacks an effective system to safeguard unfair commercial use, unauthorised disclosure, of undisclosed tests or other data for approval of pharmaceutical and agricultural products
- Govt policies are written in a way that can be discriminatory to foreign investors or favour domestic industry
- Raises issue of alleged infringing pharmaceuticals being marketed without advance notice for parties to resolve IP disputes
- Also flags concerns over political risks such as CAA protest and Kashmir issue

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

DESPITE taking up many reforms and improving its position in ease of doing business index, India still "remains a challenging place" to do business, the US State Department said in a report.

"India, however, remains a challenging place to do business. New protectionist measures, including increased tariffs, procurement rules that limit competitive choices, sanitary and phytosanitary measures not based on science, and Indian-specific standards not aligned with international standards, effectively closed off producers from global supply chains and restricted the expansion in bilateral trade," the US State Department, in a report '2021 Investment Climate Statements: India' released on Wednesday, said.

It also said that some rules are written in a way which can be discriminatory.

"Some government policies are written in a way that can be discriminatory to foreign investors or favor domestic industry. For example, approval in 2021 for higher FDI thresholds in the insurance sector came with a requirement of "Indian management and control," it noted, with a special mention of equalisation levy on US digital giants like Amazon and Google.

The report also pointed that India currently lacks an effective system for protecting against unfair commercial use, as well as unauthorised disclosure, of undisclosed tests or other data generated to obtain marketing approval for pharmaceutical and agricultural products.

"The US government and stakeholders have also raised concerns with respect to allegedly infringing pharmaceuticals being marketed without advance notice or opportunity for parties to resolve their IP disputes," it added.

These two issues were also biggest hurdle in the India -US bilateral trade negotiation, which is pending since last year.

The report however was supportive of the fiscal support during Covid-19.

There was also mention of political risk where it mentioned CAA protest and Kashmir issue.

The US government continued to urge the government of India to foster an attractive and reliable investment climate by reducing barriers to investment and minimising bureaucratic hurdles for businesses.

STEEL DEAL
₹40,000 cr
The estimated investment the scheme is expected to bring
25 million tonnes
Expected capacity addition in specialty steel output
5.25 lakh
Total employment likely to be generated
68,000
The projected number of direct employment

₹6,322-cr PLI scheme for specialty steel gets Cabinet approval

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

THE Union Cabinet on Thursday gave its go-ahead to a ₹6,322-crore production linked incentive (PLI) scheme to boost the manufacturing of specialty steel. While India is a major steel producer, churning out 102 million tonnes of steel in fiscal year 2020-21 (FY21), less than 18% (18 million tonnes) is of value-added, or specialty steel.

According to the Union Ministry of Steel, the incentive scheme is expected to bring in an investment of approximately ₹40,000 crore and a specialty steel capacity addition of 25 million tonnes. "The scheme will (also) give employment to about 5,25,000 people, of which 68,000 will be direct employment," it added in a statement.

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur said during the media briefing that the scheme would also "boost manufacturing and help in reducing imports".

Similar to the other recently announced PLI schemes for other sectors, this scheme shall also be effective for five years-from 2023-24 to 2027-28. It will cover facilities making coated/plated steel products, high strength/wear resistant steel, specialty rails, alloy steel products, steel wires, and electrical steel.

These value-added steel is used in making of white goods, automobile body parts and components, pipes for transportation of oil and gas, boilers, ballistic and armour sheets meant for defence application, high-speed railway lines, turbine components, electrical steel meant for power transformers, and electric vehicles.

Since specialty steel manufacturing has remained low in India, imports have reigned high. "Out of 6.7 million tonnes of imports in 2020-21, around 4 million tonnes of imports was of specialty steel alone, resulting in a forex outgo of approximately ₹30,000 crore," the ministry said.

This, the government notes, is because the Indian steel industry is hobbled by extra costs of $80-100 per tonne, "on account of higher logistics and infra cost, higher power and capital cost and, taxes and duties." The PLI scheme will address this gap.

According to officials, the scheme will give eligible manufacturers between 4-12% incentive on incremental production. Any company registered in India and engaged in manufacturing the identified 'specialty steel' grades will be eligible. However, "the company has to ensure that the steel used for making 'specialty steel' is 'melted and poured' in the country, thereby ensuring end-to-end (local) manufacturing," the ministry said.

Vodafone Idea gets nod to raise ₹15,000-cr FDI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

CASH-STRAPPED telecom service provider Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) has received ministerial clearances to raise up to ₹15,000 crore through the foreign direct investment (FDI) route, with the proposal likely to head up to the Cabinet for consideration soon.

While the company declined to offer any comment, sources said that the approvals received for the company's FDI proposal are an "enabling" action following the decision of its Board of Directors in September last year to raise up to ₹25,000 crore through a mix of debt and equity issues. The Board had decided that the maximum amount that can be raised through either of these routes (whether debt or equity) shall be capped at ₹15,000 crore each.

However, no specific funding deal has been confirmed as of yet, the source noted.

According to current FDI rules, 100% FDI is allowed in telecom sector, with automatic approval allowed up to 49%. The foreign shareholding in VIL already stands at 53.57%, which means that all additional FDI that results in an increase in foreign shareholding will need to go through the government approval process.

AGR hearing likely today

The company, along with other telecos liable for AGR dues, has also approached the Supreme Court seeking correction in DoT's alleged "errors" in the calculation of these dues. The SC bench had reserved its orders on Monday and is likely to pronounce its verdict on Friday.

Air India divestment: Govt likely to receive financial bids by Sept 15

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THE central government is likely to receive financial bids for the national carrier Air India (AIL) by September 15, 2021 from qualified interested bidders (QIBs) as it aims to close the deal this financial year.

"(The) Request for proposal (RFP) along with draft share purchase agreement (SPA) has been shared with QIBs (qualified interested bidders) by the transaction advisor on March 30, 2021 for submission of financial bids. The financial bids are likely to be received by September 15, 2021," Minister of State for Civil Aviation, VK Singh informed Lok Sabha.

While the government did not revealed the names of the QIBs as yet, it reiterated that it received "multiple" expressions of interest for Air India's privatisation. According to Industry rumors, Tata Group is very interested in acquiring the carrier it had once started and bring its aviation business under one vertical. The group, which owns stake in Vistara and AirAsia India, hasn't formally confirmed bidding for Air India.

No name of bidders

Tata Group is said to be keen on acquiring the carrier it had once started. The group, which owns stake in Vistara and AirAsia India, hasn't formally confirmed bidding.

The government has been trying to sell Air India since last three years but failed to get any success yet. Its first attempt to privatise the carrier in 2018 was a flop show after it failed to secure a single bid.

The government then in January, 2020 restarted the divestment process and invited bids for selling 100% of its equity in the airline, including Air India's 100% share holding in Air India Express Ltd and 50% in Air India SATS Airport Services Private Ltd. But the process has faced multiple extensions, mainly due to Covid-19.

In October 2020, the government tweaked a key bidding criteria allowing private players to quote an enterprise value (EV) for the airline instead of an equity value. However, high debt and accumulating losses of AI remains a key concern.

HUL's Q1 net profit declines 3.7% to ₹2,070 cr

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INDIA'S largest consumer goods major Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) has seen its net profit decline 3.7% sequentially to ₹2,070 crore in the quarter ended June largely owing to the second wave of disruptions caused by the Covid pandemic.

On a year-on-year basis, however, the net profit increased 9.5% as compared to ₹1,881 crore in the same quarter last year. Volume rose 9% over a year earlier in the first quarter compared with a contraction of 8% a year earlier when the nation was under a complete lockdown. Volume growth, however, slowed sequentially. Its domestic sales grew 12% over a year earlier, the company said in its exchange filings.

"Performance was broad based with all three divisions growing competitively and in double-digits. Our business fundamentals remain strong with a large part of our business gaining penetration," HUL said in a statement.

Home care grew at 12%, foods & refreshment delivered another quarter of strong performance and grew at 12%, while beauty & personal care segment grew 13%. The soap-to-shampoo maker saw significant divergence in the hand hygiene portfolio, which declined against an exceptionally high. Colour cosmetics recovered sharply from a weak base in the June quarter of 2020.

On the operating front, the company's earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation rose 8% y-o-y to ₹2,847 crore. Its margins, however, continued to suffer due to higher commodity prices.

'RBI exploring roll-out of digital currency in phases'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI), like other central banks, has been exploring the pros and cons of introducing a digital currency for quite some time and it is now in the process of launching it in wholesale and retail segments, said Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar.

While introduction of the central bank digital currency (CBDC) has the potential to provide significant benefits, there are risks as well such as the underlying technology, the degree of anonymity and changes in legislation. Sankar said these risks are being evaluated against the potential benefits.

"RBI is currently working towards a phased implementation strategy and examining cases which could be implemented with little or no disruption. Setting this up will require careful calibration and a nuanced approach in implementation. That said, perhaps the time for CBDCs is nigh," said Sankar in his keynote address at a webinar organised by the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, New Delhi.

A CBDC is the legal tender issued by a central bank in a digital form. CBDC is a digital or virtual currency but it is not comparable to the private virtual currencies that have mushroomed over the last decade. Sankar noted that introduction of CBDC has the potential to provide significant benefits, such as reduced dependency on cash in a country like India, where the currency-to-GDP ratio is high, higher seigniorage due to lower transaction costs and reduced settlement risk.

EXPRESS READ

V-Mart buys Unlimited stores from Arvind Lifestyle

New Delhi: Fashion retailer V-Mart has signed agreements to acquire all existing stores of 'Unlimited' from Arvind Lifestyle Brands (ALBL), a subsidiary of Arvind Fashions (AFL) for cash consideration. Unlimited operates a chain of 74 fashion retail stores across south and west India. V-Mart will acquire the assets of all stores, warehouse, inventory as well as the brand 'Unlimited' at their book value, with an estimated outlay of about `150 cr at closing, and certain contingent payments based on certain milestones achieved in these stores over next few years.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹472.50
Target Price ₹515
CG CONSUMER

Given the huge growth opportunity in the Value Fashion segment and V-Mart's strong execution capabilities, it has the potential to achieve 25–30% EBITDA/PAT growth sustainably for a prolonged period – backed by 20%+ revenue growth. We factor in FY22E revenue at 10% above FY20 levels, on the back of 30% footprint adds and -11% SSSG adds.

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— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

Zomato makes stock exchange debut today

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ZOMATO will make its stock market debut on Friday, much ahead of the initial schedule of July 27. With this, Zomato would become the first unicorn to find a spot on the bourses--the BSE as well the NSE.

Bombay Stock Exchange said in a notification to members that on Friday the bourse will hold a special pre-open session for the stock for 15 minutes ahead of its listing at 10:00 am.

The fast listing of Zomato comes as the investment banks managed to complete the share allotment process and listing formalities much ahead of the deadline. The allotment process for Zomato's shares was conducted on Thursday for investors who had participated in the company's IPO last week.

The food delivery firm has fixed the IPO price at ₹76 per share, which is at the upper end of the price range of ₹72-76. Zomato's stock is expected to do well going by the huge demand for its IPO and around 35% premium it was commanding in the grey market a day before the listing.

"Better market sentiments along with surprising earnings in Q1FY from Jubiliant Foodworks has created positive impact on this sector. I agree with what grey market premium (GMP) is indicating. We expect IPO to open beyond ₹100 which is quite reasonable listing," said Gaurav Garg, Head of Research, CapitalVia Global Research.

GOVT TELLS LS

PSBs reset over 13 lakh MSME loan accounts worth ₹55,333 cr

PTI @ New Delhi

AS many as 13.06 lakh MSME loan accounts with an aggregate amount of ₹55,333 crore have been restructured by public sector banks till June 25 this year, Parliament was informed on Thursday.

MSME minister Narayan Rane also said that till July 2, ₹2.73 lakh crore have been sanctioned under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme.

The scheme was launched for an emergency credit line of up to ₹4.5 lakh crore to businesses including micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the same is backed by 100% central government guarantee.

Till June 25 this year, "13.06 lakh MSME loan accounts with an aggregate amount of ₹55,333 crore have been restructured by public sector banks," he said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

In a separate reply, he said since the inception of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, till July 9, 6,97,612 units have been set up (including those by farmers) with MM (margin money) subsidy of ₹16,688.17 crore.

Business & Beyond

LIC launches health insurance plan

Life Insurance Corporation of India has introduced LIC's Arogya Rakshak with effect from July 19, 2021, which is a non-linked, non-participating, regular premium, individual, health insurance plan. It provides health insurance cover against certain health risks and provides timely support in case of medical emergencies and helps the insured and his family.

LIC launches pension plan

Life Insurance Corporation of India has introduced Saral Pension with effect from July 1, 2021 which is a non-linked, non-participating, single premium, individual immediate annuity plan. This is a standard immediate annuity. The policyholder has an option to choose type of annuity from two available options on payment of a lump sum amount.

NBCC inks MoU with NIT-Uttarakhand

NBCC has inked an MoU with the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Uttarakhand on July 16, 2021, for providing PMC services for their new permanent campus at Sumari Village in Pauri, Garhwal valuing `596.75 cr. The agreement was signed by Prabhakar Mani Kala, Registrar NIT, Uttarakhand and Pradeep Sharma, GM (Engg.), NBCC, in virtual presence of RK Tyagi, Chairman, BOG; Satish Kumar, Director, NIT, Uttarakhand and PK Gupta, CMD, NBCC.

Maha Metro to run Navi Mumbai Metro for 10 yrs

Maha Metro has added another feather in its cap with City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO), in-charge of Navi Mumbai Metro project, deciding to appoint it for operating and maintaining services on Line 1 of the project.

Indian Bank's operating profit grows 26% y-o-y

The Indipan Bank's operating Profit has registered a growth of 26% YoY to `3,472 cr for Q1FY22 as against `2,753 cr for Q1FY21. On a QoQ sequential basis, it increased by36%. The Bank's net profit for the quarter grew by 220% YoY to `1,182 cr from `369 cr in Q1FY21.

Quiet the Games

The world is faced with great difficulty — now is the time that we have to unite and, with the efforts and wisdom of humankind, deliver the Games. - Thomas Bach, IOC chief

Ceremony chief sacked

Tokyo 2020 organisers fired Kentaro Kobayashi, show director for the opening ceremony, over a skit referencing the Holocaust.

Curious case of Vinesh's physio; a few coaches' waiting game

FLIPSIDE

INDRANEEL DAS

For once everything seemed quiet in the Indian camp. There have been teething issues here and there but overall indications were the National Sports Federations, the Indian Olympic Association along with the sports ministry managed to accommodate requests of athletes' requirements. Now it seems somewhat like a facade. As the curtains are set to go up on Friday, there are some dissatisfactions among athletes, coaches and support staff regarding access to venues during competitions.

There are a few coaches and support staff from badminton, table tennis, swimming, hockey and boxing, who are in Tokyo but without access to the Games Village and competition arena. They can access only training venues.

Let's go to another related issue. What comes as a surprise is that a sport like wrestling doesn't have a physio in the mix. All wrestlers felt the need for one but wrestler Vinesh Phogat had been pleading with the federation but nothing as of now has materialised. Her request was forwarded even before the lists were finalised. Considering she is our medal hope in wrestling, this seems like a gross oversight. However, Brajesh Kumar has been listed as the physio. He is currently with the men wrestlers — Bajrang Punia, Ravi Dahiya and Deepak Punia — in Russia and will travel to Tokyo for the Games. He apparently has a P category card. All those with P category cards have to stay in hotels outside the Village.

Though the WFI said it had sent Vinesh's physio name, Poornima R Ngomdir, to the IOA who forwarded it to the Tokyo organising committee, there are some officials who claim the name did not figure in the initial long list — that is the first list each of the federations sent. Poornima has accompanied the 53kg wrestler for the exposure trip and is currently with her in Hungary.

This time around, the organisers had been strict and are not accepting any accreditation request if the name doesn't figure on that list and that apparently is causing problems getting an accreditation. Perhaps the wrestling federation will have the appropriate answer here. At the same time, it is baffling to see a top WFI official accompanying the team with access to Village rather than a physio.

There have been occasions when officials opted out. Federations like the Badminton Association of India managed the accreditation process in a much more subtle way. BAI secretary Ajay Singhania and chief national coach P Gopichand opted out for a coach and an extra physio — Sumansh. Yet, Sumansh has P category accreditation with limited access (no Games Village and competition venue) so does Sai Praneeth's coach Agus Dwi Santoso. They will not have access to the competition venue unless day passes are organised (which as of now are not available). Same with Manika Batra's personal coach Sanmay Paranjape. But a top TT official is in the Games Village. The players wanted a physio. This time because of the pandemic, access to the Games Village has been restricted. Even the day passes are not available. IOA is trying to help them out.

Forget the outcome, give your best: Anjali

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

ANJALI Bhagwat needs no introduction. The former rifle ace is considered to be one of the best shooters India has produced, having returned with many medals during her decorated career, especially in the late 90s and early 2000s. In the process, she created numerous records and inspired many to take up the sport. With a record 15 shooters from the country geared up to take part in the Tokyo Olympics, the three-time Olympian is backing the shooters to leave a notable impression.

Anjali's optimism stems from the fact that Indians have found a new edge in recent years. Young shooters like Saurabh Chaudhary, Manu Bhaker and Elavenil Valarivan have punched above their weight to outwit more-experienced rivals on a regular basis in top international competitions. The rest of the shooters have also raised their standards and have a fair chance of climbing the podium. However, Anjali does not want to get into predictions, especially in the individual events.

Anjali Bhagwat

"As far as individual events are concerned, it's difficult to pick the favourite because it depends on that particular day. Take Jitu Rai's case for example. He was in good form, he shot well and qualified for the final but he could not do well in the final. He was under pressure. It depends on how the shooter can retain a positive mindset and on he/she tries to be in that moment. But we have many talented shooters like Saurabh, Manu, Ela, Rahi Sarnobat, Yashaswini Singh Deswal," Anjali.

The first Indian shooter to reach the final stage at the Olympics — she was one of the finalists at 2000 Sydney Olympics —- she is hopeful that the youngsters don't get overawed by the surroundings. She wants them to stick to their guns. "By the time you reach Olympics, you should stick to your plans. You have invested years of hard work and dedication. The first thought on the day is vital. They should try and enter the field with confidence, try and enjoy their performance rather than taking pressure and thinking about the result. If the shooters can detach themselves from the outcome, I'm sure they will be able to perform at their peak."

Anjali Bhagwat will be part of Sony Sports Live studio show, SPORTS EXTRAAA, for the Olympic Games from July 23

TOKYO OLYMPIC GAMES

Live on SONY SIX, SONY TEN 2/TEN 4 (Tamil) from July 23

HER & THERE: NEW OLYMPIC STORY

As Tokyo gets ready to host the Games a year later after it was postponed, **Swaroop Swaminathan** finds out how there has been a huge shift in gender equality as women athletes are set to take centre stage

The XXXII Olympiad, which takes place in the middle of the pandemic, is the first to be held behind closed doors as Tokyo gears up for opening ceremony on Friday | AP

The first Summer Games in 1896 did not have women athletes. It was because of a questionable set of beliefs held by the Olympics' chief architect, Pierre de Coubertin. According to a document published by the United Nations in 2007, he had said: "no matter how toughened a sportswoman may be, her organism is not cut out to sustain certain shocks." Even though women were allowed to compete from 1900, there was prejudice.

That historical wrong, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) says, will be corrected in 2024. The body is aiming for true gender parity for the first time at the Paris Games (it's about 51:49 in Tokyo).

To recognise Coubertin's role in the Olympic Movement, his statue is installed at Japan Sport Olympic Square, a stone throw away from the National Stadium that will host the Opening and Closing Ceremony. When the athletics events begin on July 30, one can reasonably assume that the likes of Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Sifan Hassan and Allyson Felix will see that statue on their way in and on their way out. At the Olympics, the three are not just expected to medal but expected to medal in a way that could break several records.

What would Coubertin think?

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For all the emphasis on participation, the Games have always been defined by the superhuman feats of the athletes. These feats, some achieved against extreme adversity, have gone on to define the legacy of the Games (Michael Phelps in Beijing, Paavo Nurmi in Paris, Jesse Owens in Berlin etc. etc). In that context, picking a legacy for the Tokyo Games will be easy. Covid-19. The Games could easily be called the 'The Pandelympics'.

Several officials, including Tokyo governor, Yuriko Koike, had attested that the Games going ahead would mean people coming together to celebrate defeating the virus. If anything, the virus continues to defeat humans. The Games will be played to a soundtrack of zero cheers, the eerie silence a reminder that the world is still battling one of its gravest crises of recent times.

Rick Burton, who was the chief marketing officer for the US Olympic Committee in Beijing in 2008, wonders if Covid won't hold centre-stage. "Wonder if centre-stage will not be held by the pandemic and Covid-19," he told this daily. Academic Simon Chadwick echoes the same feeling. "I don't think the athletes will necessarily be centre-stage anywhere, because I think the virus & the ramifications of the effects of the virus will be the big star of the games," Chadwick, who has worked in sport for the last 25 years, tells this daily.

Keeping Covid-19 to one side, the one theme that is likely to emerge from Tokyo is the preeminence of women athletes. While this doesn't necessarily mean they will break records on a never-before-seen scale — they very well might — this goes over and beyond that. This means women will likely lord over men in advertising campaigns (Simone Biles and Naomi Osaka), scale new medal hauls (Felix), stand up for injustice (too many to mention) create classic rivalries (Hassan vs Letesenbet Gidey, Kate Ledecky vs Ariarne Titmus), challenge sports policies (Laurel Hubbard), pen impossible stories (Fraser-Pryce) and bring in Generation Z (Sky Brown).

Chadwick, director of the Centre for Eurasian Sport, agrees. "This Olympics could be a major tipping point," he says. "Whereby women are more prominent, they are commercially valuable as endorses and as brand ambassadors. Their activism, their values and their voices mark them as being different. Their voice is really important as people are beginning to listen. There are changes taking place in the world. So it could well be that we see the likes of Biles and Ledecky being prominent in people's minds."

One of the main undercurrents that will be visible throughout the Games is the way athletes protest injustice. That's another reason why women could be more front and centre. Why is that so? "What they have to say is being heard and embraced," Chadwick opines. "Osaka is also interesting, she seeks to communicate a set of values that mark her out as being an activist. We are going to see potentially those athletes who have a very strong activist standing rising to the fore."

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If Phelps and Usain Bolt were the biggest names of the last couple of editions, it's hard to look beyond Biles this time. She's so sure to win gold the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) may not even give her correct credit for some of her moves because they are so complex, so hard to master, her competitors wouldn't even dare dream.

On top of that, she will likely perform the 'Yurchenko Double Pike', a manoeuvre so tricky to execute only one woman has performed it before in a competitive event: Biles herself.

But Biles isn't the only one chasing immortality. Hassan is aiming to become to win the 1500m, 5000m and 10000m in one week. Felix is one medal away from medalling in Olympics across three decades. Ledecky could become the first athlete not named Phelps to win 10 gold at the Olympics. Young Brown, just 13, with her dazzling mid-air manoeuvres in park skateboarding, could inspire Centennials to fall in love with the Olympic Movement.

For the women, sky isn't the limit this time. It's the beginning.

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The pages of Olympic history are littered with high profile women athletes and rivalries -- both Burton and Chadwick cite the example of Olga Korbut v Nadia Comaneci in 1972 and 1976 -- so what has changed in 2021?

Chadwick explains. "What we are beginning to see is that the female sport is gaining in parity with the male sport. This is not just due to sociocultural pressure, it's also due to economic pressure because what we are seeing for the first time is an acknowledgement of the economic value of women's sports. "We still live in a white male-oriented world, so I'm not about to suggest that the world is changing but we are in the thralls of a revolution. For the first time, we are heading into the Olympics with arguably more standout female athletes than male ones."

What would De Coubertin think?

TOKYO TRAIL

COVID CASES AT OLYMPIC VILLAGE **10**

Refugee defector from Iran to face Iranian

A defector from Iran who competes in taekwondo for the refugee team at the Tokyo Olympics was drawn on Thursday to face an Iranian opponent in the qualifying round. Kimia Alizadeh, who left Iran citing institutional sexism, will face Nahid Kiyani Chandeh in the 57-kilogram class on Sunday. Alizadeh was the first Iranian women to win an Olympic medal when she took bronze at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games when she was 18. She later criticized wearing the mandatory hijab headscarf, which she had to wear in Rio, and left Iran to live in Germany.

India track jacket & Ugandan connect

The Indian officialdom in Tokyo was left flummoxed on Thursday when Ugandan weightlifter Julius Ssekitoleko, who was sent back to his country four days after he fled during pre-Olympics training, was seen wearing an India track jacket at the airport. The 20-year-old, who was found in central Japan, was seen clad in a red track top with India written on the back while making his way through the Narita airport in a report aired by NTV channel here. It looked similar to the kit that Indian athletes wore during the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast.

IOC to include athletes kneeling in highlights

After images of Olympic football players taking a knee were excluded from official highlight reels and social media channels, the IOC said Thursday that kneeling protests will be shown in the future. The concession under Olympic Charter Rule 50, which has long prohibited any athlete protest inside event venues, was finally allowed this month by the International Olympic Committee. The IOC has tried to reconcile enforcing the rule while recognising, and sometimes celebrating, the iconic image of American sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos each raising a black-gloved fist on the medal podium at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics.

Bear sighting at baseball stadium

A bear appears to have ignored the ban on spectators at the Olympics. Japanese media reported a bear was seen by guards early Wednesday at Fukushima Azuma Baseball Stadium before Japan and Australia's softball teams met in the opening event of the Olympics. Fukushima is about 150 miles north of the main Olympic sites in Tokyo. Local media reported it was an Asian black bear.

EXPRESS READ

Injured Washington out of England series

CHENNAI: India all-rounder, Washington Sundar, is all set to return home after suffering a finger injury in the UK. It is understood that Washington has been advised complete rest as he experienced discomfort while batting in the practice game.

Bengaluru FC sign midfielder Rane

BENGALURU: Bengaluru FC, on Thursday, announced the signing of versatile Indian midfielder Jayesh Rane on a three-year deal that runs through till the end of the 2023-24 season. The 28-year-old is the club's sixth signing of the summer.

BOXING DRAW

Five get first-round byes, tricky early bouts for Panghal & Co

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

AMIT Panghal recently had sparring sessions with rivals from Colombia, France and Azerbaijan during the Indian boxers' training camp in Assisi, Italy. The Colombia pugilist in question was Yuberjen Martinez, Rio Olympics silver medallist (light flyweight (49kg). Now, it looks like Panghal, who was handed a first-round bye during the official draw on Thursday, could face Martinez in his opening bout on July 31.

Despite being top seed, men's chief coach CA Kuttappa, during an interaction with this daily, had said Panghal won't have it easy even during the preliminary rounds. "Amit has had tough sparring sessions with boxers from Colombia, France. Based on his performance, we can see what he can do better to improve. He has had tough sessions against Yuberjen Martinez. So that should put him in good stead," Kuttappa had said.

Bearing in mind the draw, the coaches had put Panghal to test against the Colombian. And that could prove to be invaluable as the Haryana boxer could be up against Martinez provided the Colombian beats Rajab Otukile Mahommed of Botswana in the Round of 32 contest.

Amit Panghal

If Amit plays to his potential, he could go on to meet archnemesis Shakhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan in the semifinals. There's also every possibility of meeting fourth seed Algerian Mohamed Flissi in the last-four stage.

Apart from Panghal, four other Indians — Lovlina Borgohain (69kg), Pooja Rani (75kg), Simranjit Kaur (60kg) and Satish Kumar (+91kg) — got byes and will start their campaign from the last-16 stage.

Taking part in her second Olympics, veteran MC Mary Kom (51kg) will be trading blows against Miguelina Garcia Hernandez of the Dominican Republic in the opening round. If Mary manages to win, she will be up against Colombia's Ingrit Valencia, who's No 3 seed, in the Round of 16. The London Olympics bronze medallist had beaten Valencia during the 2019 World Championships.

Like Mary, Ashish Kumar (75kg), Manish Kaushik (75kg), Vikas Krishan (69kg) will also begin their campaign from Round of 32 stage. Vikas will the first Indian to enter the ring. The Haryana boxer, who'll be taking part in his third Olympics, will face Japan's Sewonrets Quincy Mensah Okazawa. Vikas had put up a dominating show to beat Okazawa during the Asia/Oceania Olympic qualifiers in Amman, Jordan last year. That victory (5-0) had also earned Vikas a ticket to the Olympics. Vikas will face a stiff test in Roland Iglesias, 2012 Olympics champ (64kg), if he gets past the initial hurdle.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

California's largest energy utility firm will bury 10,000 miles of power lines in a massive bid to prevent its equipment igniting more wildfires.PGE's faulty lines sparked the deadliest blaze in the state's modern history.

The World Health Organization on Wednesday sought to reassure pharmaceutical companies that a proposal to suspend patent rights on Covid-19 vaccines was not a bid to "snatch" their intellecutual property rights.

EXFILE • RESEARCH

LIMITS TO GROWTH

Source: Charts adapted by Herrington from *Limits to Growth: The 30-Year Update*

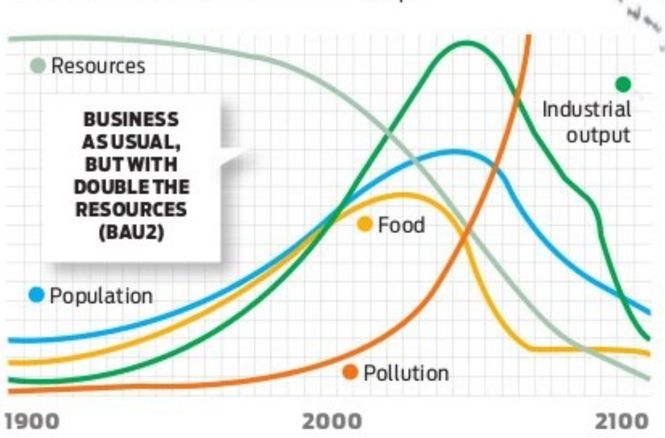
In 1798, a young political economist in England, Thomas Malthus, predicted that food production at the time can by no means keep up with population growth, an unbridgeable gap that will cause mass starvation and, eventually, collapse of civilisation. This theory is infamous in history for being completely wrong, because Malthus did not anticipate advances in farm science, such as fertilisers, that sharply pushed up farm yields. His error comes into focus when discussing another theory, published in 1972 by a team of researchers led by MIT's Dennis Meadows, that predicted a population collapse amid declining resources and industrial output — as well as rising pollution — based on then-available data. The theory is still popular, despite facing ridicule from other researchers. Now, a study from a top official at KPMG, one of the Big 4 accounting firms, finds that the world is on track to meet the predictions of the 1972 theory

Limits to Growth

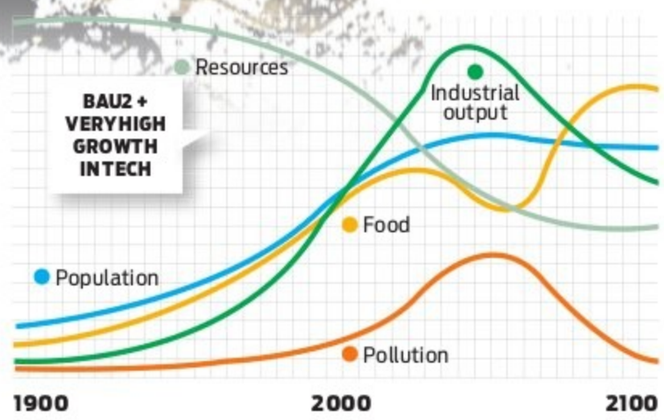
The 1972 theory said population growth and the Earth's limited resources will lead to an economic collapse with the 21st century

Future scenarios

Gaya Herrington, the Sustainability and Dynamic System Analysis Lead at KPMG, developed the 1972 theory further and came up with two most plausible scenarios, as per the latest data. A business-as-usual (BAU) scenario assumes food, industry and population grow exponentially till a resource crunch slows down industrial output



In this pessimistic scenario, resources doubled. Higher industrial growth leads to more pollution and decreased food production. Resources become severely depleted despite their doubling. Around 2040, a deep economic decline will hurt humanity's living standards



The optimistic projection assumes pollution is dramatically reduced to allow industry and population to grow. However, arable land is exhausted, food per capita declines and capital is diverted for food production, leading to an industrial growth slowdown

Note: Charts do not have the variables' numerical values as they vary too widely to fit the graph plot. Only the movement of variables over time is significant

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Variables for the theory were fed into computer simulations: World population, industrial output, food supply, pollution and the availability of non-renewable resources

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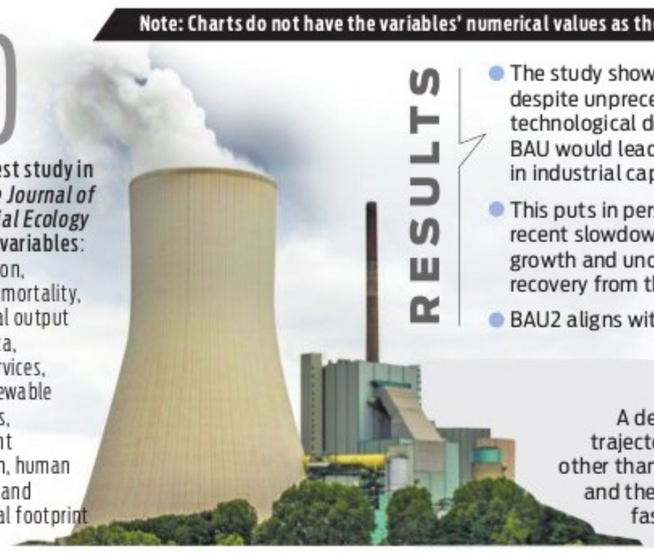
The latest study in the *Yale Journal of Industrial Ecology* uses 10 variables: population, fertility, mortality, industrial output per capita, food, services, non-renewable resources, persistent pollution, human welfare, and ecological footprint



RESULTS

- The study showed that despite unprecedented technological development, BAU would lead to declines in industrial capital
- This puts in perspective the recent slowdown in global growth and uncertain recovery from the pandemic
- BAU2 aligns with the climate scientists' view that we are currently at a "climate tipping point"
- On the other hand, BAU2+tech is for those who believe in humans capability to innovate beyond limits
- The tech innovations should be highly optimistic; the study says that the technological progress rates should be 4% a year and lead to reductions in pollution emissions of 10% from their 2000 values by 2020 and 48% by 2040
- "Given the rising trend in global CO2 emissions, halving these within the next 20 years seems unrealistic"

CONCLUSION

A deliberate change in trajectory towards a goal other than growth is needed and the window is closing fast, notes the study

Rather than just relying on tech tipping points we must also aim at "social tipping points" – a transformation of societal priorities

The rapid development of Covid vaccines is proof of our ability to act at unprecedented rates, Herrington wrote

Building blocks of life get a database

Artificial intelligence predicts structure of every protein expressed in human body

RESEARCH

PARIS: Scientists on Thursday unveiled the most exhaustive database yet of the proteins that form the building blocks of life, in a breakthrough observers said would "fundamentally change biological research".

Every cell in every living organism is triggered to perform its function by proteins that deliver constant instructions to maintain health and ward off infection.

Unlike the genome -- the complete sequence of human genes that encode cellular life -- the human proteome is constantly changing in response to genetic instructions and environmental stimuli.

Understanding how proteins operate -- the shape in which they end up, or "fold" into -- within cells has fascinated scientists for decades.

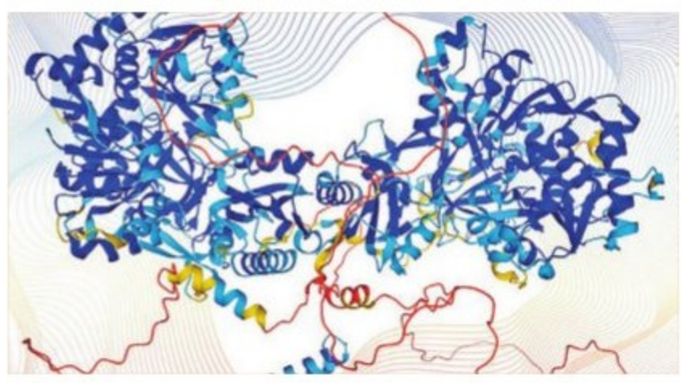
But determining each protein's precise function through direct experimentation is painstaking.

Fifty years of research have until now yielded only 17% of the human proteome's amino acids, the subunits of proteins. On Thursday, researchers at Google's DeepMind and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) unveiled a database of 20,000 proteins expressed by the human genome, freely and openly available online.

They also included more than 350,000 proteins from 20 organisms such as bacteria, yeast and mice that scientists rely on for research.

To create the database, scientists used a state-of-the-art machine learning programme that was able to accurately predict the shape of proteins based on their amino acid sequences. Instead of spending months using multi-million dollar equipment, they trained their AlphaFold system on a database of 170,000 known protein structures.

The AI then used an algorithm to make accurate predictions of the shape of 58% of all proteins within the human proteome. This more than doubled the number of high-accuracy human protein structures that researchers had identified during 50 years of direct experimentation, essentially overnight.



The structure of a human protein modelled by a computer | EMBL-EBI, AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Prevalence of NCDs in India

DATA

Prevalence of non-communicable diseases in India is 116 per 1,000 population and these diseases show a quantum jump when one crosses the age of 35 years, says a new report which also identifies air pollution as the most prevalent risk factor. According to the report on by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India, 'hypertension, digestive diseases and diabetes' are among the top three most prevalent non-communicable diseases (NCDs), while cancer is the least prevalent. The report has been prepared based on a survey covering 2,33,672 people and 673 public health offices in 21 states to analyse rising cases of NCDs.

G20 meet for env ministers

CLIMATE

With forest fires raging in the US and Russia and floods devastating parts of Western Europe, environment and energy ministers from the Group of 20 industrialised countries gathered Thursday for two days of talks ahead of November's crucial climate change conference. Host Italy is hoping the Naples talks will help spur ambitious goals to be adopted at the COP26 conference in Glasgow, Scotland, which organizers have said represents "the world's last best chance to get runaway climate change under control." A communique and press conference on the Naples meetings are expected on Friday.

WHO warns Covid stress will last long

HEALTH

ATHENS: The mental health impact of the pandemic will be "long-term and far-reaching", the World Health Organization said Thursday, as experts and leaders called for action on Covid-linked anxiety and stress.

"Everyone is affected in one way or another," the WHO said in a statement at the start of a two-day meeting in Athens with health ministers from dozens of countries.

It said "anxieties around virus transmission, the psychological impact of lockdowns and self-isolation" had contributed to a mental health crisis, along with stresses linked to unemployment, financial worries and social alienation.

"The mental health impacts of the pandemic will be long term and far-reaching," the statement added.

The WHO's regional director for Europe Hans Kluge said mental health should be considered a "fundamental human right", stressing how the virus had torn lives apart.

"The pandemic has shaken the world," he told the conference.

Astronomers spot birth of alien moon

SPACE

In a first, scientists have spotted a moon-forming region surrounding the planet PDS 70c, which is 400 light years away from the Earth.

A light year is the distance light travels in a year - 9.5 trillion km.

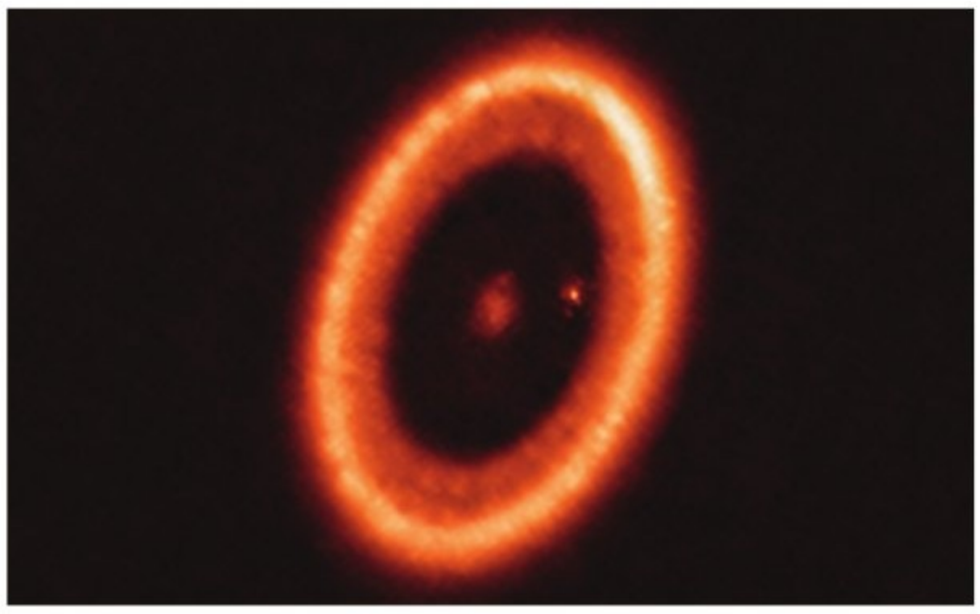
The region, which is a disc of gas and dust massive enough to create three moons like the one orbiting Earth, was detected using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) observatory in Chile.

Several planets beyond our solar system have been discovered in the past but this assumes importance due to its relatively nascent stage of formation.

Planets and moons are formed in similar ways where small dust grains in the disc grow larger in size due to successive collisions with other grains. The newly formed core can then exert a gravitational pull to accrete gas which forms the atmosphere around it.

A relic of a moon-forming disc can be seen in our solar system around the planet Saturn.

The system, named PDS has a star at the centre and at least two planets orbiting it – PDS 70b and PDS 70c.



A circumstellar disc surrounds a planetary system that has a star at the centre and at least two planets | ESO, AFP

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TOXIC SUBSTANCE

Report highlights growing microplastic pollution

DATA

NEW DELHI: A new study has found that Ganga water is heavily polluted with microplastics of multiple kinds and the highest concentration was found at Varanasi.

The study, titled "Quantitative analysis of Microplastics along River Ganga", was released by NGO Toxics Link on Thursday. It reveals the presence of microplastics in samples collected from the river at Haridwar, Kanpur and Varanasi. Microplastics are defined as plastics less than 5 mm in length and recognized as a major source of marine pollution of significant concern, due to their persistence, ubiquity and toxic potential. The plastic products and waste materials released or dumped in the river break down and are eventually reduced to Micro particles and the river finally transports significantly large quantities downstream into the ocean which is the ultimate sink of all plastics being used by humans.

The river water testing was carried out in collaboration with the National Institute of Oceanography in Goa and a set of five water samples were collected from the river at Haridwar, Kanpur and Varanasi. The samples were tested through FTIR to identify the exact type or resin core and the results show presence of significantly high (40) different kinds of polymers as microplastics in Ganga waters.

Among the three cities, Varanasi showed the maximum load of microplastics in the Ganga waters as compared to the other two cities. The results indicate greater microplastic pollution in the downstream river, from Haridwar to Varanasi. Microbeads were observed in Varanasi and Kanpur, while no beads were found in Haridwar. Microplastic pollution in the Ganga can have many ramifications, as its water is used for various purposes which can lead to severe impacts on the environment as well as human health. The river is the major source of drinking water for cities situated along its banks and microplastics pollution is a cause of concern.

"Essentially all along microplastics have been flowing into the river system," said Mahesh. *ENS*

COMPARISON WITH OTHER RIVERS

ABUNDANCE OF MICROPLASTICS IN SURFACE WATER

Note: The figures represent the current study's calculations (for Ganga) and estimates from other studies in the past

Source: Toxics Link

Region/Country	River	MPs' Abundance (particles/m3)
Indonesia	Surabaya	21.16
Europe	European River	5.6
Europe	Mediterranean	18.8±28.1
Europe	Seine	3 to 36 (May), 4-108 (April)
Europe	Danube	0. 316.8± 4.664
Europe	Po	1-12.2
Europe	Rhine	1.85-4.92
India	Ganga	1.30-2.42